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PREFACE.

The third volume of the Minutes of Parliament of the Middle Temple contains the latter part of Book B. from p. 357 to p. 496, covering the period from January 1650 to December 1658. This book was described in the preface to the preceding volume.

Book E. follows without any break, commencing with the Parliament of 26 November, 1658, and ending with that of 26 November, 1703. In size and shape it differs from the other books. The leaves measure 14 inches by 9 inches. The binding is of brown calf, with a back of rough leather marked :—

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and "Orders: 1658–1703," is written on one of the boards.

The name by which this book was called was "The Parliament Book of Orders," or more briefly, "The Book of Orders." This is clear from the order to enter the proposals to rebuild Essex Court in "The Book of Orders," which proposals immediately follow the order.* The fuller name occurs in a similar order for the entry of the complaint of the Barristers and Students against the Benchers in 1695.† It is no doubt the book which certain riotous Barristers were accused of carrying off in

* Page 1311. † Page 1431.

1694, though there it is called "The Book of Public Acts and Orders."* There is nothing in the book itself to say where they found it, or how it was recovered. Anyhow they were expelled for the offence.

Another book mentioned is that where evidences about buildings are registered.† This is probably one of the three books numbered 12, 13, or 14 mentioned by Mr. Hopwood in the list of records in his "Calendar of the Middle Temple Records."

The edges of Book E. are bound with brass, and there are two brass clasps.

It contains 508 pages, according to the numbering, and a blank fly-leaf at each end; but the numbering is not correct. Page 278 follows page 227. There is however nothing lost, as the numbers are the *recto* and *verso* of the same leaf. After coming to the foot of page 193, the writer turned over two leaves, and to conceal his mistake the two leaves are pasted together. A similar fault has been committed at page 430, but no trouble has been taken to conceal it. Two pages are numbered 383. The figure 500 follows 490, but, as in the previous case, this is merely a mistake, and no leaves have been torn out.

The entries in Book E. are made by a different hand to that which finished Book B. From 1658 to 1667 several persons were employed in keeping the book, but there is nothing in the book to suggest who the writers may have been. In 1668 a handwriting commences, which, allowing for the gradual alteration due to age, appears to continue until the end. Till the beginning of 1672 the marginal notes are not written by the person who wrote the text, but after that date both text and marginal notes are in the same handwriting.

One of the principal differences between this book

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and the preceding, is the absence of any register of admissions or admittances (both words are used), which from the date at which this book was commenced were kept separately, as Mr. Hopwood states in his "Calendar," already referred to.

The use of Latin also is much less frequent, being almost entirely restricted to the notices of the election of Readers, Cupboardmen, and Stewards, though even these are sometimes in English, as in February 1668–9.* Entries noting the imposition of fines *pro non legendo*, and for other causes, are also often in Latin. The marginal notes are always in English, and thus often give the vernacular equivalent of Latin words in the previous books. For instance, those who *astare abaco ponuntur* are called in the margin "Cupboardmen"; those who are chosen *parare prandium lectoris*, are called simply "Stewards," with no epithet to distinguish them from the permanent officer of the same name. *Autumnalis*, as applied to the Readers, is translated both "autumn" and "summer." "Choose" and "elect" are used indiscriminately for *eligere;* and there are other instances of the same kind, of which use has been made in the translation.

The next volume will consist of an index of persons and places mentioned in the preceding three volumes.

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MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT.

BOOK B (*f.* 357).

Parliament holden 25 Jan., 1649.

Mr. Bayliffe shall prepare a table of fees and present them to Mr. Treasurer to be examined, that just fees only may be demanded by the officers and servants. *English.*

Mr. Treasurer shall choose such attorneys and instruments as he shall think most fit for recovering arrears of commons, and 12*d.* in the pound shall be allowed to them. *English.*

Mr. Treasurer, with Mr. Henley and any other Masters or associates of the Bench, shall examine the last Treasurer's accounts, and show them at the last Parliament of this term. *English.*

On the motion of the right honourable the lord Whitelocke, Lord Lisle's son shall be admitted by Mr. Treasurer into his father's chamber, which he had *proprio jure*, as it appears to be no Bench Chamber. *English.*

Mr. Treasurer shall desire all associates of the Bench (except the two Puisnes) to contribute 50*l.* each before 24 May next towards payment of debts and other affairs of the House. Those who do so shall be considered as complete Benchers to all intents and purposes except readings, and those who consent to read shall have their 50*l.* repaid. If they refuse to read, they shall pay a moderate fine imposed by Parliament. The two Puisnes now being already called, and such as shall be hereafter called up to the Bench table, if they do not read within the year after, or before others are called to be Readers, shall have the like privilege on paying 50*l.* *English.*

The sum of 3*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.* shall be paid to Mr. Burton, Clerk of the Church, on his accounts audited by Mr. Treasurer, up to Michaelmas last; and George Metcalfe's arrears of rent, 2*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.*, are to be levied by the Under-Treasurer if he can. *English.*

Those called to the Bench shall subscribe to the payment thereof before being admitted to the Bench table.* *English.*

Admissions:—1 Feb., 1649. Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of James Deane of Oxenwood, Wilts, gent., specially; bound with Balthazar Beare of the Utter Bar and George Johnson, gents.; fine, 4*l.* 4 Feb. Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of John Withers of Canning Street, London, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* Also to the chamber of Mr. Roger Pepys of the Utter Bar, in Essex Court, on his surrender; fine, 40*s.* 6 Feb. Mr. Henry, son and heir-apparent of Henry Chauncey of Yardley, Herts, esq., specially; bound with Robert Sankey and Peter Burrough of Clements Inn, gents.; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 8 Feb. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of Richard Dowdeswell of New Inn, gent., specially; bound with his father and Nicholas Lechmere, esq.; fine, 5*l.* Mr. Francis, second son of Francis Jermy of Gunton, Norfolk, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. Edward Turnour and Listrange Calthorpe, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 3*l.* *English.*

Parliament holden 8 Feb., 1649.

Francis Doughtie is admitted to the office of Steward. *English.*

On request made by Mr. Justice Jermyn for a chamber for his son, the records have been searched, but are without precedent; but the House will respect him with all civility and respect when any fit chamber is to be had. *English.*

On Colonel John Bingham's petition, preferred 4 May last, he shall have a chamber assigned to him as soon as convenient. *English.*

On the petition of Joane Wraxhall, widow, Mr. Treasurer shall examine her accounts for bread. *English.*

On the petition of John Chapman, esq., Mr. Treasurer is desired to call to his assistance Sir Peter Ball, and to mediate the matter with the consent of Mr. Serjeant Hatton and Mr. Maynard. *English.*

Mr. Treasurer shall examine the accounts of Arthur Denham, grocer, and certify the Masters of the Bench. *English.*

The wages of William Chapman, one of the Butlers, being four marks, shall be doubled, but this to be no precedent. *English.*

* Inserted in accordance with the order of next Parliament. See p. 1013.

On the petition of the under Butlers, 10*s.* each shall be given to them. *English.*

On the petition of William Best, Mr. Treasurer is desired to inquire whether he did watch, for which an allowance was allotted to him; but as to a place, under pretence of shelter, it is not thought fit. *English.*

On the petition of John Best, his wages are to be paid, but no gratuity. *English.*

On the petition of Ann Radford, widow, whose husband did some service in the kitchen, 10*s.* shall be given unto her. *English.*

On the petition of Henry Alnat, the Porter, Mr. Treasurer is desired to take care that watch be carefully kept, as directed in Christmas vacation, and to inquire how watches were then observed. *English.*

On the petition of Elizabeth Ball, 10*s.* is given to her. *English.*

Mr. Treasurer is desired to treat with owners of decayed chambers in Middle Temple Lane concerning their rebuilding without charge to the House. *English.*

Mr. Edward Eltonhed has added 30*l.* in money to his former present of plate worth 20*l.* The sum shall be paid to the Under-Treasurer. He is by special grace and favour called to the secret council of the House, and admitted a complete Bencher. *English.*

A table of fees shall be forthwith posted up, as in 1628. *English.*

The auditing of the last Treasurer's accounts is continued to be perfected "citra prox. prout prius." *English.*

Messrs. Edward Wallis and John Stowell are called to the degree of the Utter Bar, subscribing the engagement. But they are not to be published nor confirmed till admitted into chambers. *English.*

The following clause shall be added to the order of last Parliament concerning associates: "and that all such as shall hereafter be called to the Bench, shall subscribe to the payment thereof accordingly, before they be admitted to the Bench table."

Admissions:—9 Feb. Mr. Miles Cooke, by assignment of Symonds Dewes, knt., executor of the will of Richard Dewes, his brother, by Acts of 11 May, 1632, and 7 Feb., 1633,

to half an outer chamber on the third floor westward, in the new buildings in Elme Court, on the right of the stairs leading to the western chambers; and to a bedroom, study, woodhouse, and servant's bedroom on the east side of the outer chamber, for life; no fine, being the last assignment. Mr. Henry, son and heir of Richard Derbie of Stalbridge, Dorset, gent., deceased, specially; bound with ——; no fine, by Mr. Treasurer's favour. 11 Feb. Mr. Robert, son and heir of Robert Strange of Somerford Caynes, Wilts, esq., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. James, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Nicholls of Clapton, Somerset, gent., specially; bound with William Yeatman and John Nicholls, gents.; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* 12 Feb. Mr. John Stowell to the chamber of Messrs. Thomas Smyth, sen., and Edward Smyth, jun., on surrender by the former; fine, 40*s.* 13 Feb. Richard Berkeley, esq., son and heir-apparent of Maurice Berkeley of Stoke, Gloucestershire, knt., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* Mr. John Shapleigh to the chamber of Messrs. John Browne of the Utter Bar and Theodore Gulson, gent., on surrender by the latter; fine, 5*l.* 15 Feb. Mr. Robert Hawys to the chamber of Mr. William Hussey, jun., of the Utter Bar, in Middle Temple Lane, on his surrender; no fine, because it is in great decay. 16 Feb. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of James Mayo of Chancery Lane, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 20*s.* 19 Feb. Mr. James, son and heir-apparent of William Nutley of Southampton, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 27 Feb. Mr. William, second son of William Smalwood of Hansworth, Staffordshire, gent., deceased, specially; bound with Richard Broughton, esq., and John Casse, gent.; fine, 5*l.* Also to the chamber of Messrs. Francis Walsted and Richard Broughton of the Utter Bar, on surrender by the latter; fine, 40*s.* Mr. John, son and heir of John Cotes of Woodcote, Shropshire, esq., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* 24 April, 1650. Mr. Michael, second son of Thomas Malet, knt., late a Master of the Bench, specially; bound with ——; fine, 20*s.* 1 May. Beconsawe Lisle, esq., son and heir-apparent of John Lisle, esq., a Lord Commissioner of the Great Seal, specially; bound with ——; no fine, his father being a Master of the Bench.

Parliament holden 3 May, 1650.

On the petition of Joane Wraxhall, widow, Mr. Treasurer shall examine what is due to her for bread of the old debt, in the time of Mr. John Barker, Butler, and Mr. William Lane, Steward, before commons broke up. He is also to find out what money is in the hands of Mr. William Lane and Mr. Smyth, the Cook, towards her new debt, that the Treasury may clear the remainder.

Mr. Henry Coningsby shall pay such commons as were charged on his chamber before the forfeiture, to be audited by Mr. Treasurer. "Also that he pay the 11*l.*, as he was Steward of the reading, being a thing of course, and the House already engaged for both these to the Steward."

On the earnest request of Sir Thomas Malet, his son, Michael, shall pay for his admission only 20*s.*, although so small a fine is without precedent.

John Best shall be given 20*s.* for a gratuity.

Arthur Denham, grocer, shall be paid a part of his bill at Mr. Treasurer's discretion.

Commons shall continue at 8*s.* 6*d.* a week without further increase.

Mr. Bayliffe shall have 300*l.* of the arrears due to him paid; but the account between him and Thomas Lane is to be audited by Mr. Treasurer, assisted by Sir Peter Ball or Mr. Richard Pepys, if possible before the end of the term, otherwise in the vacation. Sir Peter Ball is desired to call some Bencher to audit and settle it finally.

The chamber rents of the associates of the Bench, and all the arrears thereof, shall be gathered from those who have not brought in their 50*l.* according to the late Act of Association.

Complaint being made that the books lately given by Mr. Robert Ashley lie in close cupboards, where they may receive damage, and where no use can be made of them; it is ordered that as soon as Mr. Serjeant Eltonhed shall remove out of his chamber, it shall be fitted for a library.

The above entries are all in English.

Admissions:—6 May. Mr. William, third son of David Urry of Hill Place, in the Isle of Wight, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 7 May. Mr. Thomas Kitchell to the whole chamber of Mr. Edward Apleford of the Utter

Bar, in Bricke Court, on his surrender; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Thomas Burell, esq., son and heir of Arthur Burell of Burell, Cornwall, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. William and Antony Barker of the Utter Bar; fine, 3*l.* 9 May. Mr. Edward, son and heir-apparent of John Byrche of the Middle Temple, gent., specially; bound with his father and Robert Sankey, gent.; fine, 5*l.* 16 May. Percival Hart, esq., son and heir of Henry Hart of Lullingstone, Kent, knt., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. William Say and Thomas Lake of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 17 May. Mr. Zacharias, son and heir-apparent of Evan Thomas of Tremolet, Caermarthenshire, esq., specially; bound with Mr. Bennet Hoskyns, esq., an associate of the Bench, and Mr. Richard Peare of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 22 May. Edward Michell, esq., son and heir of Theobald Michell of Horsham, Sussex, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Henry Peckham, esq., and Thomas Payne, gent.; fine, 4*l.* 24 May. Mr. Richard, second son of Edmund Jones of Luton, Beds, gent., specially; bound with James Prescott and Gilbert Luther, gents.; fine, 20*s.*

Parliament holden 24 May, 1650.

On the petition of Anne Bayliffe, late the wife of Robert Thorpe, esq., a Master of the Bench, some time deceased, she is permitted to dispose of the part of a chamber for life and one assignment after, possessed by her son, Brian Thorpe, who is distracted in his mind, and whom she has removed in obedience to an order of Parliament. No fine will be charged for admission.*

On the petition of John Stephens, esq., he may be admitted into Mr. Edward Leeke's single chamber, with an assignment, instead of the assignment which he has in his own part of a chamber in the new building in Vine Court. He shall have time to put off his interest in his own chamber without assignment to some gentleman of the Society, until the last Parliament in Michaelmas Term.

Mr. Robert Stratford complains that having been in Michaelmas Term last admitted to the chamber of William Morgan, esq., deceased, upon an assignment by his executor, he cannot have possession thereof. It appears that Charles Pottes, an associate of the Bench, keeps possession thereof, having resigned his own chamber in Bricke Court to Mr. Hall, the Attorney of

* Admissions only are here entered in Latin.

the Duchy. He was to move to Serjeant Conyers' chamber in Pumpe Court, on his moving. This the petitioner knew on his admittance. Mr. Treasurer is to give notice to Mr. Conyers and other Serjeants who continue their chambers in this Society, that they are desired to leave them before next term, having now continued them longer than formerly Serjeants have used to do.

The Under-Treasurer is to give notice to all those who keep families in this Society, and other lodgers not of the House, to remove them before the end of Whitsunweek.

On the petition of Arthur Denham, grocer, an entry shall be made of the last sum, 32*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.*, paid him, leaving 10*l.* due to him, which shall be paid as soon as may be.

Of the claim of Daniel Giles, collier, for a debt of 30*l.* for charcoal, nine years old, there is no memorial of any demand made in all that time. When former debts are paid, and the arrears of commons come in, this shall be paid if it appears to be due.

Messrs. George Maplisden and John Povey, chosen Readers for New Inn, and who have failed to read there in term time, are fined 10*l.* each, though there are no former precedents of so easy a fine.

The petitions of Thomas Jay and Richard Bucknoll, the two Puisne Butlers, for augmentation of wages, and of Elizabeth Ball for a yearly allowance, are adjourned till the last Parliament of next term.

John Richardson of the Palsgrave's Head Tavern shall attend Mr. Treasurer, and enter into articles concerning the new passage, or it shall be stopped up.

Admissions: — 27 May, 1650. Mr. Thomas Proby, by nomination of Anne Bayliffe, late wife of Robert Thorpe, esq., a Master of the Bench, and by an Act of 24 May, to the part of a chamber which was Brian Thorpe's, and seized by forfeiture, in the buildings in Elme Court, on the second floor towards the west, on the left of the stairs leading to the buildings westwards; and to half an outer chamber, with bedroom, study, and servant's bedroom on the south side of the outer chamber, for life and one assignment after; no fine. Francis Sandys, esq., son and heir-apparent of Martin Sandys of Colledge Greene, Worcestershire, knt., specially; bound with Nicholas Lechmere of the Utter Bar and Samuel Dingley, gents.; fine,

4*l.* 10*s.* 28 May. Mr. James Prescott to the chamber of Mr. Henry Dighton, by Inner Temple Lane, immediately over Mr. John Robinson's chamber, on surrender by Mr. Dighton; fine, 40*s.* Mr. John Stephens of the Utter Bar, by nomination of Nicholas lord Deincourt, administrator of Edward Leeke of the Middle Temple, esq., deceased, his brother, and by an Act of 9 Feb., 1637, to the whole chamber on the fourth floor in the new buildings in Vine Court, between Vine Court on the east, Little Court on the west, and Figtree Court on the south, for life and one assignment after, in accordance with an Act of 24 May, 1650; fine, 3*l.* 11 June. Mr. William, second son of John Yonge of Colyton, Devon, knt., specially; bound with his father and Thomas Bampfielde, esq.; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Robert, third son of John Yonge of Colyton, Devon, knt., specially; bound with his father and Thomas Bampfielde, esq., fine, 4*l.* 10*s.*

Parliament holden 21 June, 1650.

Robert Reynoldes, esq., Solicitor-General, shall be admitted to the Parliament and secret council of this House.

The Benchers' seats in the Church shall be kept private for them. The Clerk must not open for any, as the Butlers are enjoined to attend for that service. The four foremost seats next within the door, on the north side of the aisle, over against the Benchers' seats, shall be kept for the ancients of the Bar and ancient table. The other seats with locks, there and in the body of the Church, shall be kept for the rest of the gentlemen of the Society.

On the petition of William Chapman, Chief Butler, to be eased of collecting the Steward's money for commons, or else to be allowed poundage, it is replied that his wages are doubled in consideration thereof.

The differences between Henry Alnat, the Porter, and Charles Moundeford, are referred to the arbitrators of Mr. Charles Cockes' charitable use.

Rules for the door in Essex Court leading through the Palsgrave's Head into the Strand, lately made by leave of the Bench. A lock shall be set on the side towards the court, whereof the Porter of this Society shall keep the key. There shall be no keyhole on the side next the tavern. The vintner

may use the passage for himself and others from 6 A.M. to 9 P.M. from 25 March to 29 Sept., from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M. from 29 Sept. to 25 March, during good behaviour. If the vintner breaks this order, does not keep the passage in repair, or otherwise misbehaves, the Porter shall lock the door. The vintner will give the Porter 5*s.* quarterly for his pains as long as the Masters of the Bench allow the door to be there. *Signed:* John Richardson. Witness:—Richard Smith. Richard Bucknall. Tho. Lane.

Admissions:—22 June. Mr. Joseph, third son of John King of Weston Patrick, Hants, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Pistor Hyde of the Utter Bar and John Baker, gents.; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. John, son and heir of Thomas Baker of Ecclesdon, Sussex, gent., deceased, specially; bound with Pistor Hyde and Joseph King, gents.; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 26 June. Mr. William Noyes of New Inn, son and heir-apparent of Robert Noyes of Fullway, Wilts, gent., generally; bound with John Beare and Thomas Vesey, gents.; fine, 20*s.* Mr. Thomas, son and heir of William Tiffin of Egham, Surrey, gent., deceased, specially; bound with John Beare and William Noyes, gents.; fine, 4*l.* Mr. John, third son of John Nicholls of West Orchard, Dorset, gent., specially; bound with ——; no fine, being the Treasurer's son-in-law. 28 June. Mr. Richard Daston, esq., son and heir of Antony Daston of Wormington, Gloucestershire, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Nicholas Lechmere and William Barrett of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Edmund, son and heir-apparent of Edmund Fettiplace of Fernham, Berks, esq., specially; bound with Philip Packer of the Utter Bar and John Deane, gents.; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.*

Parliament holden 28 June, 1650.

On the petition of Messrs. Bramston, Breton, Higgins, Barker, Jones, and Poole, Mr. Bayliffe is ordered with a skilful workman to survey the chimneys complained of next Pumpe Court, and to certify Mr. Treasurer what is best to be done to stop them smoking, and what the charge will be.

The Butlers and other officers shall have allowances as last year.

Commons and exercises shall be kept so that there may be readings again, which is much desired, but impossible without a competent number of attendants.

A further summons shall be given by Mr. Bayliffe for removal of all strangers and "famalistes" before Bartholomew Day, or else their chambers will be seized and disposed of.

Admissions:—5 July. Mr. John, son and heir of Roger Stevens of Upton Lovell, Wilts, gent., deceased, specially; bound with John Stevens and Charles Goodhand, gents.; fine, 20*s.* Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of William Chetwynd of Bristol, gent., specially; bound with John Byrche and Robert Sankey, gents.; fine, 5*l.* 12 July. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of Christopher Hudson of Maring super Montem, Lincolnshire, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* 6 Aug. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of Tobias Lisle of Holborne, esq., specially; bound with his father and Richard Peare, esq.; fine, 4*l.* 30 Sept. Mr. James, son and heir-apparent of James Reynoldes of Bumpstead, Essex, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 24 Oct. Mr. William Hussey, jun., of the Utter Bar, into the whole chamber of Mr. John Martyn of the Utter Bar, now vacant, in Middle Temple Lane, by the great gate, immediately over the chamber of George Lulles and Henry Salmon, gents., in place of Mr. Martyn; no fine, his father being Treasurer.

Parliament holden 25 Oct., 1650.

Families are ordered to remove within a month.

New Inn, the associates of the Bench, and others who rent chambers or shops, must pay their arrears of rent in a fortnight.

Messrs. Edward Matthewes and Richard Vernon must pay the arrears of their vacations within a fortnight.

Messrs. William Barker and John Stephens shall have notice that they are called up to be associates of the Bench on paying 50*l.* each according to the late Act.

The admittance of William Hussey, jun., is confirmed.

Robert Reynoldes, esq., Solicitor-General of the Commonwealth, shall have the chamber in Vine Court which Mr. Justice Nicholas now holdeth, on his removal, with further accommodation when it may be.

As soon as Mr. Serjeant Eltonhed shall be removed out of his chamber over the kitchen, the chamber shall be converted into a library.

Sir Peter Balle shall have Mr. Serjeant Conyers' chamber

in Pumpe Court on his removal. Mr. Charles Pottes may have Sir Peter Balle's chamber according to his right of antiquity at a yearly rent, if he desires.

Mr. Edward Eltonhed shall have the chamber whence Mr. Serjeant Hatton lately removed, at once.

Messrs. William Swanton and Charles Goodhand, who have left their chambers in Bricke Court to Lord Whitelocke, shall have the chamber in the garden, from which Mr. Eltonhed will remove, at once, but it will remain a Bench Chamber.

Mr. Henley's antiquity of choice to any Bench Chamber which shall fall, is saved to him at his election.

Ann, widow of Thomas Drew, a washpot in the cellar, shall have 20*s.* towards the charges of his sickness and burial, but this to be no precedent.

Sir Peter Balle, at his own desire, shall be spared from being named the next Treasurer; but Mr. William Balle, his son, shall be admitted into some chamber with like privilege as if his father had been Treasurer and admitted his son himself.

Robert Reynoldes, esq., Solicitor-General for the Commonwealth, shall be next Treasurer.

Admissions:—29 Oct. John Legard, esq., son and heir of John Legard of Gaunton, Yorks, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. John Turner and Tristram Conyers of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 2 Nov. Mr. Antony, third son of Antony Samwell of Westminster, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 13 Nov. John Bingham, esq., by Acts of 4 May, 1649, and 8 Feb., 1649, to the chamber of Messrs. John Foyle and John Fussell, in place of the latter; no fine.* Mr. Alexander Jermyn, by Act of 8 Feb., 1649, to the chamber of Mr. Richard Dewes, deceased, and Mr. Thomas Whorwood, in place of the latter; no fine. 18 Nov. Mr. John Phelpes to the chamber of Messrs. John Henshawe and Simon Stone, one of the most ancient Masters of the Utter Bar, on the death of the latter; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. Thomas, son and heir of George Goodlake of Letcombe Regis, Berks, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Edmund Fettiplace and George Champion of Clifford's Inn; fine, 5*l.* 20 Nov. Mr. Roger, son and heir-apparent of John Pettiward of London, gent., specially; bound with Messrs. Francis Bagshawe and Maurice Tresham of the Utter Bar;

* Cancelled.

fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. Thomas, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Blount of Writle Marshe, Kent, esq., specially; bound with Richard Dawlman and William Wood, gents.; fine, 5*l.*

Parliament holden 22 Nov., 1650.

Messrs. John Phelpes, Henry Stapleton, Robert Gardner, and James Nutley, are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

The ancient order of presenting to the Masters of the Bench the names of those who shall desire to be called to the Bar, some convenient time before a call is intended, that their fitness may be considered, shall be revived.

Colonel John Bingham's admission into Mr. John Fussell's part of a chamber in Elme Court, forfeited and seized and let out at 4*l.* rent to Mr. William Stephens, shall be vacated, and Mr. Treasurer admit the said Mr. Steevens thereto according to his desire, on paying a fine. No respect shall be had of any money paid by Steevens to Fussell. Colonel Bingham shall be admitted to the next chamber or part which shall fall to the House anyway as good as Mr. Fussell's.

At the request of Mr. Reynoldes, Solicitor-General, Mr. Hall, Attorney-General of the Duchy, shall take his place as Treasurer this year.

On the petition of Messrs. Milborne, Maddison, Crane, and Tresham, the Under-Treasurer, assisted by workmen, shall view the decayed buildings in Vine Court, and prepare for speedy repairs. The first story is to be built at the House's expense, the rest by owners of chambers there.

Widow Wraxhall shall have 50*l.* paid to her for bread on releasing all demands.

Daniel Gyles, collier, shall have 30*l.* long due to him paid upon his general release.

On William Lane's petition, he shall be discharged from the 8*l.* 5*s.* due to Wadlowe, if it be the House's debt, and Wadlowe shall be paid it. Lane is confirmed as Steward.

On petition by John Wadlowe, he shall pay a reasonable rent for the sink and watercourse which he enjoys by the Society's favour, with a statement that they may be stopped up at the will of the Masters of the Bench. The door to be made from that tavern to Middle Temple Lane is absolutely denied.

On Francis Doughty's petition, 10*l.* is given to him on his discharging all reckonings while he was Steward.

The wages of William Chapman, Chief Butler, shall be doubled. He must receive none into commons until he shall have a *recipiatur*.

Thomas Jay and Richard Bucknall shall have the like gift as they had this term twelvemonth.

Jeremy Ramsey is confirmed as Puisne Butler, and 10*s.* is given him.

Edmund Ball is allowed 10*s.*, and confirmed as Washpot.

There shall be given to John Best and Elizabeth Ball as last year.

William Best shall have 20*s.* and a small chamber when one falls.

On the petition of Henry Man, it is ordered that he pay all his arrears of rent.

Special care must be had for getting in of arrears of commons, and Mr. Treasurer shall receive information from —— Lane concerning the same.

Families are to remove before 15 Jan. next, or the chambers to be seized and have padlocks set on the doors, and Mr. Treasurer shall dispose of them. No ale or beer shall be kept to sell in any room belonging to this Society.

The Treasurership of Bartholomew Hall, esq., Attorney-General of the Duchy of Lancaster.

29 Nov. At a meeting of the Masters of the Bench in the Parliament Chamber, viz. Mr. Solicitor Reynoldes, Mr. Attorney Hall, Treasurer, Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Townesend, Henley, R. Pepys, Hussey, Eltonhed, Pottes, and Barker, upon a fourth adjournment from their Parliament of 22 Nov., it was agreed that half the chamber in Bricke Court, continuing a Bench Chamber, whereof Messrs. George and Sidney Mountagu are possessed, is forfeited. As to the other half, all the orders touching chambers shall be prepared against another meeting, and it shall be farther considered.

Admissions:—23 Nov. Mr. John, son and heir of George Barnard of West Heslerton, Yorks, gent., deceased, generally; bound with John Legard and Francis Styring of the Inner Temple, gents.; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 7 Dec. Mr. Jasper, son and heir-apparent of John Meller of Porthamall, Brecon, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. William Eltonhed and Thomas Williams of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 14 Jan., 1650.

Mr. John, third son of Leonard Aylett of Feering, Essex, gent., specially; bound with Messrs. Robert Wright of the Utter Bar and Thomas Keck; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.*

Parliament holden 31 Jan., 1650.

Mr. Treasurer shall send for the ancients of New Inn, and demand the rent due from them, 4*l.* a year, which has been unpaid for eight years. He may compound with them if he shall see cause.

Mr. Attorney Hall, Treasurer, shall have both parts of the chamber of Messrs. Lechmere and John Malet, now in the possession of Mr. Chafe, on the west side of Bricke Court towards the north, for his son, Mr. Thomas Hall, as soon as Messrs. Lechmere and Chafe may be provided for.

Admissions:—1 Feb. Mr. George, son and heir of George Duke of Bulford, Wilts, gent., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. William Coles and Edward Duke of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 5 Feb. Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Crowther of Ludlow, Shropshire, gent., specially; bound with ——; no fine, by Mr. Treasurer's favour.

Parliament holden 7 Feb., 1650.

Mr. Daniel Lisle and Mr. Robert Henley, second son of Mr. Henley, a Master of the Bench, are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

As Mr. Bagshawe willingly yielded up his chamber to be disposed of by the House, his son, Francis, shall have a chamber, or part of a chamber, when any falls to the House, without fine.

Mr. Robert Gardiner may have to himself the chamber in Elme Court, next over Mr. Townesend's, wherein Justinian Pagitt and his brother, Thomas, deceased, were chamber-fellows, when the said Pagitt has paid all commons and other duties, including 10*l.* fine for the consolidation. Gardiner shall pay twenty nobles for admittance.

Mr. Robert Stratford may have the present possession of the chamber of Mr. William Morgan, deceased, according to the form of his admittance by Richard Pepys when Treasurer, when he pays the commons and other duties owing by gentlemen for whom Mr. Morgan was bound as a surety, accounting the duties of those who had no chambers to the term wherein

they were last in commons. He is respited payment of the duties, etc., of Mr. Humfrey Coningsby, being 19*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*, till 23 Oct. next, on giving a bond for the payment thereof. He is to have any bonds or securities from any of the said gentlemen to put in suit against them, to reimburse himself if he may.

Question being again made by Mr. John Martyn touching the admittance by Mr. Hussey, Treasurer, of his son, William Hussey, into the chamber late Mr. Martin's in Middle Temple Lane, the admittance is again confirmed.

Admissions:—11 Feb. Mr. Clement Throckmorton to the chamber of Mr. James Coles of the Utter Bar, in Pumpe Court, immediately over the chamber of Mr. John Turner, on surrender by Mr. Coles; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 12 Feb. Mr. Daniel, fourth son of Rice Lloyd of Llanstephen, Caermarthenshire, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Bennett Hoskyns, esq., an associate of the Bench, and Thomas Williams, esq., of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Nicholas, son and heir-apparent of Nicholas Rainton of Enfield, Middlesex, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* Also to the chamber of Mr. John Stephens, sen., a Master of the Bench, and Mr. John Stephens, jun., deceased, on surrender by the former; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* 14 Feb. Mr. Robert Gardner of the Utter Bar, by assignment of Mr. Justinian Pagitt of the Utter Bar, and by an Act of 7 Feb., to the whole chamber of the said Mr. Pagitt and his brother, Thomas, deceased, on the south, in the new buildings in Elme Court, on the second floor eastward, immediately over the chamber of Mr. Townesend, a Master of the Bench, for life; fine, because he paid 22*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* for Justinian Pagitt's commons and other arrears, and for consolidating the two parts of the chamber, 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* 18 Feb. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of William Langston of Hanley Castle, Worcestershire, gent., specially; bound with William Sambach, knt., and Nicholas Lechmere, esq.; fine, 4*l.* 4 March. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of Richard Oakeley of the Middle Temple, esq., specially; bound with his father and ——; fine 3*l.* 18 April, 1651.* Mr. Andrew, son and heir-apparent of Henry Middleton of Westminster, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.*

* From this date the admissions are entered in English.

Parliament held 18 April, 1651.

Mr. Treasurer shall speak with Mr. Justice Nicholas touching his remove from his chamber in this House, and to desire him to provide himself elsewhere as speedily as he may, it being against the ancient orders and constitutions of this House to suffer judges or serjeants to continue their residence here, and to report his answer.

As the debts and charge of the House are very great, and the revenue and income to defray it never so low, so that there is fear lest the Society shall not be able to continue together and subsist; and as divers have lately been called to be associates to the Bench yet have not undergone the great charge of reading, as their predecessors have done; the Masters of the Bench have lately published orders that such as are called to the Bench, and would be admitted to their councils and the privilege of Benchers, shall deposit 50*l.* each in the Treasury, which payment some have neglected. Mr. Treasurer is therefore directed to treat with those lately called to be associates to the Bench to know their purposes, and to report thereon at the next Parliament.

Admissions:—19 April. Mr. Francis, second son of Francis Dove of New Sarum, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 23 April. Mr. Richard Hall of New Inn, son and heir of Richard Hall of Ledbury, Herefordshire, gent., deceased, generally; bound with Messrs. John Beare and William Noyes; fine, 20*s.* 29 April. Mr. John, son and heir of Jacob Troughton of London, gent., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Richard Baker and Abraham Gibbons; fine, 5*l.* 2 May. Mr. Thomas, third son of Ralf Freman of Aspeden, Herts, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. William Mountagu and Morrice Tresham of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 3 May. Mr. Edward, third son of John Lowe of the Middle Temple, esq., deceased, specially; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Robert, second son of John Dobbins of Worcester, gent., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. John Byrche and Miles Cooke; fine, 4*l.* 5 May. Mr. George, son and heir-apparent of Robert Middlemore of Haselwell, Worcestershire, esq., specially; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.* 7 May. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Gwillym of Langstone, Herefordshire, gent., specially; bound with Bennett Hoskyns, esq., an associate of

the Bench, and Robert Stratford, gent.; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.* 8 May. Mr. George Lee to the chamber of Messrs. Frederick Hyde and Edward Duke of the Utter Bar, on surrender by the former; fine, 4*l.*

Parliament holden 9 May, 1651.

As Mr. Justice Nicholas promises to remove as soon as any chamber happens to fall void in Serjeants' Inn, the Masters of the Bench have left the further consideration thereof till next term.

On Mr. Robert Stratford's petition, as the commons and other duties of those for whom Mr. William Morgan, deceased, stood engaged, were not demanded of him when he was admitted into Mr. Morgan's chamber as they usually are; Mr. Stratford is acquitted from payment of pensions and other duties, except the commons of Messrs. E. Prichard, H. Williams, sen., H. Williams, jun., R. Williams, E. Williams, and T. Thomas, amounting to 22*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.*, on payment whereof Mr. Stratford may have their bonds to put them in suit at his own charge by the attorney usually employed by the House. Mr. Stratford is acquitted of the commons and other duties of Mr. Humfrey Coningsby, amounting to 19*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*, as the House sold his chamber, being sequestered. On payment of the said money, Mr. Stratford is to have possession of the chamber.

On the motion of Mr. Eltonhed, Mr. Treasurer shall have power to admit Mr. William Northey into both parts of the chamber wherein Mr. Reynolds, Solicitor-General, and Mr. J. de Grey are now admitted, being a double chamber in Pumpe Court, for one life and one assignment after, paying for the consolidation and admittance as Mr. Treasurer shall see fit, and twenty nobles for a fine on the execution of the next assignment.

The first Parliament in every term shall be on the second Friday, and not the first Friday as heretofore. The second Parliament shall be the last Friday of each term, unless that is the last day of term; if so, the Friday before.

Admissions:—10 May. Mr. George Baker to a whole chamber on the fourth story upon the north side of a brick building lately built in Inner Temple Lane, near the Church on the west end, and to a study, bedchamber, and woodhouse, for life; fine,

by Act of 11 May, 1632, being in execution of the last assignment, 40*s.* 15 May. Mr. William Northey of the Utter Bar, by an Act of 9 May, to the whole chamber of Mr. Reynoldes, Solicitor-General, a Master of the Bench, and Mr. James de Grey, on the east end of the new buildings on the north side of Pumpe Court, on the first story, on their surrender, for one life and one assignment after; fine, 5*l.* Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of Walter Wotton of Ingleborne, Devon, esq., specially; bound with John Connocke and John Fowell, gents.; no fine, being nephew and heir-apparent of Mr. Wotton, a Master of the Bench. 5 June. Mr. William Eltonhed of the Utter Bar, to the whole chamber of Mr. Robert Stratford in Elme Court next under the chamber of Mr. Townesend, a Master of the Bench, on his surrender; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Robert Stratford to the chamber of Mr. William Eltonhed of the Utter Bar, in the Churchyard at the east end, on his surrender; fine, 3*l.*

Parliament holden 6 June, 1651.

"The four Puisne Benchers called to the Bench as to be Readers shall always be of the lower form to sit at moots; and all the rest of the Bench to be of the upper form." It is expected that every Bencher shall take his turn for exercises, if he be in town, whether he be in commons or not.

Mr. William Steevens must forthwith pay 15*l.*, the arrears of rent at 10*l.* a year, for the cellar from which Mr. Smith, the cook, was removed, under the buildings on the south side of Elme Court, without abatement; and also 6*l.* for one and a half year's rent of the late chamber of Mr. Fussell next over the cellar.

Admissions:—24 June. Mr. Charles, second son of Daniel Blagrave of Southcote Lodge, Berks, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Andrew, son and heir-apparent of Andrew Blackwell of Tylehurst, Berks, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 28 June. Mr. Richard Baker to the chamber of Messrs. James Scudamore of the Utter Bar and Henry Herbert, esq., on surrender by the latter; fine, 3*l.* 17 July. Mr. William, third son of William Nutley of Southampton, gent., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 2 Aug. Edward Huish of Mitcham, Surrey, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.* Also to the

chamber of Mr. Thomas Luther in the building of Mr. Beck and others near Inner Temple Lane, on his surrender; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 28 Oct. Mr. James Fortrye of East Greenwich, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of William Goodricke of Waltonhead, Yorks, esq., generally; bound with Francis Goodricke, esq., and James Stedman, gent., of Lincoln's Inn; fine, 3*l.* 29 Oct. Mr. Humfrey, son and heir of Walter Baskervile of Pontrilas, Herefordshire, esq., deceased, generally; bound with Messrs. Richard Baker and Richard Proger; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. Richard, son and heir of David Proger of Shotesbrooke, Berks, ——, deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Richard Baker and Humfrey Baskervile; fine, 4*l.* 30 Oct. Mr. Edward, son and heir of Thomas Wise of Sydenham, Devon, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Thomas Rawlins of the Utter Bar and John Buller; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.*

Parliament holden 31 Oct., 1651.

The little house or shed lately erected in the Hall Court for a water-engine, with the two shops adjoining, shall be pulled down.

Mr. Browne, the barber, must remove his wife and family from his shop on 12 Nov. He shall not sell beer nor ale, on pain of expulsion.

The petitions of Mr. Ducie and other gentlemen of this House shall not be read in Parliament until they have paid all their commons and other duties.

Mr. Thomas Dove, a gentleman of this Society, shall be admitted with an assignment into the chamber of Mr. Pottes, a Master of the Bench, wherein he now has an assignment, for Mr. Potts' assignment is not extinct by death, but because the chamber is vacant by Mr. Potts' remove to a Bench Chamber. Mr. Dove shall pay a reasonable fine.

No sea-coal shall be burned in any chamber in this House, on pain of 10*s.* fine.

Admissions:—4 Nov. Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of John Pyne of Curry Mallett, Somerset, esq., specially; bound with Francis Swanton, esq., and William Swanton, gent.; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.* 5 Nov. Mr. Thomas Dove to a whole chamber four pair of stairs high in the new buildings towards Middle Temple Lane upon the west, and towards Elme Court on the

south, for life and one assignment after, on the assignment of Mr. Potts, a Master of the Bench; fine, 2*l*. 7 Nov. Mr. Thomas, son of Bartholomew Hall, esq., Attorney-General of the Duchy of Lancaster, to the whole chamber of Mr. Savile Goodricke of the Utter Bar, on the south end of the brick buildings in Essex Court, three pair of stairs high, on his death; no fine, his father being Treasurer. 8 Nov. Philip Prynce, esq., son and heir-apparent of Richard Prynce of Shrewsbury, knt., specially; bound with Messrs. William Jones of the Utter Bar and Henry Langley; fine, 5*l*. 11 Nov. Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of Richard Porter of Lamberhurst, Kent, esq.; bound with ——; fine, 4*l*. Mr. Thomas, son of Nicholas Keck of Broad Marston, Gloucestershire, gent., by an Act of 31 Oct. last, specially; and he shall have his antiquity here from 18 Nov., 1641, the date of his admission to Gray's Inn; bound with Antony Collins, esq., and Mr. Richard Rudyard; fine, 40*s*. 15 Nov. Mr. Demetrius, son and heir-apparent of William James of Ightham, Kent, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. John Parker of the Utter Bar and John Robinson; fine, 4*l*. 17 Nov. Mr. William, third son of Thomas Devaux of Paules, Covent Garden, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Robert Henley of the Utter Bar and Thomas Dove; fine, 3*l*. 10*s*. 20 Nov. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of Richard Rudyard of Newport, in the Isle of Wight, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l*. Mr. Francis Swanton of Bruton, Somerset, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 40*s*.

Parliament holden 21 Nov., 1651.

The ordinary commons of the House shall be continued in the Hall from the end of this term to the beginning of next term by the Steward or Cook, at the same rate and in the same order as now, allowing only commons to two officers, Thomas Jay in the buttery and one cook in the kitchen, unless the Steward or Cook shall find it needful to have more. The gentlemen shall not pay more than 8*s*. a man weekly, and the overplus of the charge shall be borne by the Treasury for the ease and encouragement of the gentlemen. The young gentlemen and Barristers bound to keep vacations are to observe the moots and usual exercises for students, according to ancient customs and orders.

Messrs. George and Page are called up to the Bench table, paying 50*l.* each.

On the motion of Mr. Eltonhed, a Master of the Bench, and his offer on behalf of his brother, Mr. Serjeant Eltonhed, to bestow costs on his son's chamber, his said son is allowed an assignment, and he is permitted to reside with his son.

The chamber of Mr. Savile Goodricke, deceased, is granted to Mr. Thomas, son of Mr. Attorney Hall, now Treasurer.

The sequestration of Mr. Thomas Coningsby's chamber is taken off.

Mr. Henry Pate's petition to be admitted to his brother's chamber, who has left the House, and his chamber to his said brother, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The inferior officers and servants shall have the like allowances upon their petitions as this time two years.

Messrs. Stephen Hervey and Thomas Bradgate shall be next term called to the degree of the Utter Bar, provided they are admitted into chambers meantime and do exercise in the Hall in this vacation, commons continuing. None henceforth shall be called to the said degree without doing such exercise.

The gentleman who has contracted with Mr. Solicitor for his chamber in Pumpe Court shall have an assignment after his first admittance, paying twenty nobles for it, and a fine for his admittance.

The Treasurership of Robert Reynolds, esq., Solicitor-General of the State.

Admissions:—26 Nov., 1651. Mr. Nicholas, fifth son of Edward Pitt of Stratfeildsaye, Hants, esq., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Edward Pitt, seventh son of the same, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 27 Nov. Mr. Richard, son and heir of Richard Spicer of Pertenhall, Beds, gent., deceased; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 2 Dec. Mr. Walter, son and heir-apparent of Walter Chetwind of Ingistre, Staffordshire, esq., specially; bound with his father and Mr. Thomas Bradgate; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Thomas Bradgate to the chamber of Messrs. Thomas Latham of the Utter Bar and William Cooke, on surrender by the latter; fine, 1*l.* 10*s.* 8 Dec. Mr. Thomas, third son of Robert Woodford of London, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Edward Woodford and Robert Woodford of

the Inner Temple, gents.; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. Edward, fourth son of the same Robert Woodford, specially; bound with Thomas and Robert Woodford of the Inner Temple, gents.; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. Thomas Woodford, on surrender by Robert Reynolds, esq., Solicitor-General of the Commonwealth, and Treasurer, and by an Act of 21 Nov. last, to the whole chamber, two pair of stairs high, in the brick buildings on the north side of Pumpe Court, situate on the west end of the buildings, for life and one assignment after; fine, 10*l.* 10 Dec. Mr. George, sixth son of George Bradford of Shipbrocke, Cheshire, gent., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 12 Jan. Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Collett, a Master of the Utter Bar, specially; bound with his father and William Legatt, gent.; fine, 4*l.* 24 Jan. Mr. Richard, son and heir of Zacharias Seaton of Skiningrave, Yorks, gent., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. John Turner and Tristram Conyers of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 30 Jan. Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of George Ryves of Damary, Dorset, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. Antony Ettoricke and John Jones; fine, 4*l.*

Parliament holden 30 Jan., 1651.

Mr. Francis Barrell was called to the Bar in Trinity Term, 1651, but as his name was not entered as it should have been, it is now declared that he shall have his antiquity as from that time.

Mr. William Goodricke is to have an assignment in the chamber which he has of Mr. Thomas Hall, by request of Mr. Attorney Hall.

Mr. William Leigh, on his petition, is to pay but 15*l.* of the 17*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*, if it is paid before next Parliament.

The order for taking down the newly erected shops shall be put in execution by the Under-Treasurer. A house shall be set up for the engine with the materials of those shops in the kitchen garden before 25 March next; in default, the Under-Treasurer to forfeit 10*l.*

Mr. Fane, an Utter Barrister, is abated all his vacations and assignments for 10*l.*

The last Treasurer's account is to be examined by Sir Peter Balle, Messrs. Pepys, Pottes, and Staples, and the rest of the Masters of the Bench.

Admissions:—31 Jan., 1651. Mr. Dawbeney Williams to the chamber of Sir Thomas Thynne, knt., and William Leigh, esq., on surrender by the latter; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 4 Feb. Mr. Goringe, second son of Sir Peter Balle, knt., a Master of the Bench, specially; bound with ——; no fine. Mr. Peter, third son of Sir Peter Balle, knt., specially; bound with ——; no fine. 5 Feb. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of Lewis Barlowe of Creswell, Pembrokeshire, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.*

Parliament holden 6 Feb., 1651.

On the motion of Mr. Eltonhed, a Master of the Bench, Mr. William Eltonhed, his nephew, shall be admitted into his present chamber, for life and one assignment after, and Mr. Serjeant Eltonhed, his father, may reside with him.

The Treasurer and ancients of New Inn shall be asked to pay 36*l.*, their arrears of nine years' rent, before the end of the first week in Easter Term, or else an entry to be made and a demise thereof made unto others.

"No poundage shall be allowed out of the several 50*l.* upon the respective loans upon accounts."

The Under-Treasurer shall have 20*l.* *per annum* in lieu of his commons, unless he take them in kind.

The charge of the two Parliament suppers on Friday nights in every term shall be reduced, the first not to exceed 20*s.*, the last 40*s.*

The bearers of the corpses of those who die in the House shall be the Porter, the Panierman, the Gardener, the two Washpots, and the Turnbroach, and their successors.

For the feefarm rent, it is desired that Mr. Solicitor and Mr. Stephens solicit it with the Committee, and if Mr. Solicitor's leisure permit not, that he name some other.

Commons shall be continued this vacation at 8*s.* a week, as last vacation after Michaelmas Term, and there shall be the like allowance for officers' commons, fire and candles for the Hall.

Messrs. Robert Stephens and Dawbeney Williams are called to the degree of the Utter Bar, and Mr. Thomas Keck when he shall be admitted into a chamber.

Admissions:—Mr. William Eltonhed to his chamber, for life and one assignment; no fine. 7 Feb. Mr. William, third

son of John Gilbert of Abbotsley, Hunts, esq., generally; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 10 Feb., 1653. Mr. William Gilbert to the chamber of Messrs. Miles Cooke and Alexander Jermyn, on surrender by the former; fine, 4*l.**

Adjournment of Parliament, 10 Feb., 1651.

To avoid the trouble of officers and servants petitioning the Bench, which they have done of late more than formerly, the yearly allowances shall be as follows:—

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
Mr. Chapman, Chief Butler . .	6	13	4
Thomas Jay, Second Butler . .	8	0	0
Richard Bucknall, Third Butler .	3	0	0
Jeremy Ramsey, Fourth Butler . .	3	0	0
William Burford, Panierman . .	4	0	0
John Best, Washpot . . .	6	0	0
Edmund Ball, Washpot . . .	2	0	0
William Best, Turnspit . . .	2	13	4
Elizabeth Ball, Dishwasher . .	2	0	0

The payments shall begin from 25 December last.

Admissions:—13 Feb., 1651. Mr. Peter, son and heir-apparent of Peter Houlder of Coddington, Herefordshire, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 14 Feb. Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of William Barker, esq., a Master of the Bench, specially; bound with ——; no fine. 16 Feb. Robert Honywood, esq., son and heir-apparent of Sir Robert Honywood of Charing, Kent, knt., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* Also to the chamber of Mr. John Bramston of the Utter Bar, near Inner Temple Lane, adjoining the north Churchyard, two pair of stairs high, on his surrender; fine, 4*l.* 20 Feb. Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of John Chaffey of Stoke under Hamdon, Somerset, gent., specially; bound with Mr. John Barton, jun., of the Utter Bar and his father; fine, 4*l.* 5 May, 1652. Mr. Thomas, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Smyth of Walsoaken, Norfolk, gent., specially; bound with Messrs. William Mott of the Utter Bar and John Pepys; fine, 4*l.* 11 May. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of Edmund Okeden of Moore Crichill, Dorset, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. George Ryves and John Ryves, jun.; fine, 4*l.* 14 May. Mr. Charles, son and heir-apparent

* A later addition. Note in margin: "Fine paid 27 May, 1653."

of John Brinckhurst of Great Marlowe, Bucks, esq., specially; bound with John Whitfeild, esq., and Francis Duffeild, gent.; fine, 5*l.*

Parliament holden 14 May, 1652.

As to Mr. Ralf Freman's chamber, it is referred to Mr. Treasurer to peruse the articles of Sillie in relation to the same, and to do what is just.

As Mr. William Steevens is in arrears for the rent of Mr. Fussell's chamber, and has not yet been admitted into Mr. Foyle's part therein nor Mr. Fussell's, nor paid any rent for the cellars; he must be sent to for his answer before next Parliament.

Mr. Fane shall pay such dues only as are incident to his chamber. His vacations and assignments shall be remitted.

Mr. Stowell's fine for his moot shall be remitted, and he shall be admitted to compound for his vacations for 10*l.*

Mr. William Taileur's petition is referred to further consideration. Thomas Lane is to state what has been done touching his chamber by the sequestrators of Parliament.

Elizabeth Ball shall have 10*s.* a year added to her 40*s.* in lieu of her bread and fish and other pretensions.

Mr. Chute, a Master of the Bench, shall have power to unite Mr. Barton's chamber with his own, for life and one assignment.

Mr. William Ducy's petition for uniting his chamber in the garden is granted for his life, he paying double duties, both of pensions and other "termely" rolls, and what fine Mr. Treasurer shall think fit.

Admissions:—17 May. Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of John Peirse of Bedall, Yorks, esq., specially; bound with Mr. John Turner of the Utter Bar and his father; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Richard, son and heir-apparent of William Fowell of Blackhall, Devon, esq., specially; bound with his father and John Fowell of the Middle Temple, gent.; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Jonas, son and heir-apparent of Jonas Stawell of Chudley, Devon, clerk, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 19 May. Mr. Richard, son and heir of John Verney of Kingston, Warwickshire, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Mr. Job Dighton, an associate of the Bench, and Mr. Thomas Bayles of the Utter Bar; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.* Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Southby of Abbington, Berks, gent., specially; bound with

Messrs. Edward Wallis and Francis Duffeild; fine, 5*l.* Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of John Parsons of Steaining, Sussex, gent., specially; bound with Messrs. Henry Peckham of the Utter Bar and John Payne; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 20 May. Mr. Matthew, son and heir-apparent of John Driver of Aston, Gloucestershire, gent., specially; bound with Mr. Philip Sheppard and his father; fine, 5*l.* 26 May. Mr. Matthias, son and heir-apparent of John Barry of Cotsmore, Rutland, clerk, specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* Mr. Foulk, fourth son of Sir Thomas Lucie of Charlecott, Warwickshire, knt., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Job Dighton, an associate of the Bench, and Henry Dighton; fine, 4*l.* 27 May. Mr. Francis, son and heir of Thomas Mulso of the Middle Temple, esq., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 28 May. Mr. Arthur, son and heir-apparent of Henry Champernowne of Dartington, Devon, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. John and Richard Fowell; fine, 4*l.* Mr. George, son and heir of William Savage of the Middle Temple, esq., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.*

Parliament holden 28 May, 1652.

Mr. William Steevens shall pay 100 marks for the duties charged on him, the rest to be abated.

Messrs. George and Nicholas Pitt shall be admitted to the chamber of Messrs. Fussell and Foyle, with assignments, paying as Mr. Treasurer thinks fit.

Mr. William Tailcur shall compound for his chamber at a rate fixed by Mr. Treasurer.

The cost bestowed by Mr. Woodward on a cockloft over his chamber, is to be considered by Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Wallop is to be used reasonably by Mr. Treasurer in compounding for his vacations.

The petition of the two Bests is referred to Mr. Treasurer to make a dividend among them.

Mr. Floyd is either to pay the usual rent and hold his chamber, or pay the arrears and leave it.

Messrs. Solme, Sandes, Staples, and Adams are desired to view the encroachments complained of by Mr. Pepys, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Frith is to be required to pay his rent to the House, or else Mr. Treasurer to put another into the chamber in his room.

"Mr. Wotton, the heir of the Wotton surviving, one of the feoffees to convey over, and Mr. Attorney of the Duchy, Mr. Balle, Mr. Townesend, and Mr. Fowell, or any two of them, are desired to see the conveyance executed."

Messrs. Pottes and Stephens are desired to employ a solicitor to find 20*l.* a year feefarm rent to be purchased, in satisfaction of Babb, the purchaser of the feefarm rent of the Temple.

Mr. James' chamber-fellow is to be sent for by Mr. Treasurer, and he to report next Parliament.

Admissions:—29 May. Mr. Samuel, son and heir of Michael Wade of Stoke, Coventry, deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Francis Woodward and Abraham Gibbons; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Thomas Keck of the Utter Bar to a whole chamber up one pair of stairs in the new buildings between Vine Court on the east and Pumpe Court on the west, on surrender by Mr. William Carter, one of the most ancient of the Utter Bar, by virtue of an Act of 9 Feb., 1637, for life; fine, being in execution of the last asssignment, 20*s.* 31 May. Mr. Stephen Hervey, lately called to the degree of the Utter Bar, to a whole chamber on the fourth degree or story in the buildings in Pumpe Court, between Middle Temple Lane on the west and Pumpe Court on the east, on surrender by Rebecca Hervey, widow and executrix of the will of Martin Hervey, esq., his brother, by Act of 9 Feb., 1637; fine, being the last assignment and also formerly sequestered, 5*l.* Mr. Henry, second son of Sir Thomas Reynell of Lalcham, Middlesex, knt., specially; bound with Messrs. John Stowell of the Utter Bar and John Adams; fine, 4*l.* 25 June. Mr. Robert, son and heir-apparent of John Offley of London, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* George Pitt, esq., son and heir of Edward Pitt of Stratfieldsay, Hants, esq., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.*

Parliament holden 25 June, 1652.

The cellars on the south side of Elm Court shall be disposed of to the best advantage of the House.

To ask Mr. Rochester why he rents a chamber having a chamber of his own, and to let it to any other who keeps commons.

Chambers shall be let to such as keep commons in the first place.

When fines for admittances have not been paid, the chambers

shall be seized and disposed of, unless the fine and all House duties are paid by next Parliament.

Messrs. Hussey, Sandes, and Staples shall view the old buildings in Middle Temple Lane, and take order for their repair or rebuilding.

The Masters of the Bench who have not sealed Mr. Cockes' deed, are desired to meet in the garden on Monday night to seal it.

Messrs. Eltonhed and Pottes are desired to take care that the possession of the messuages in London charged by Mr. Cockes for the paying of 40*l.* a year for a charitable use, be forthwith recovered.

An order must be drawn by next Parliament for the 100*l.* given by Mr. Cockes.

The last part of Mr. Cockes' paper is referred to the consideration of Mr. Treasurer.

It being proposed that Messrs. William Say and Lechmere should be called up to the Bench, a list shall be brought into the next Parliament of those of the Utter Bar who are next to be called to the Bench.

Mr. William Steevens, one of the Admiralty Judges, shall be called as an associate to the Bench, according to the usual form, in regard of his judicial place.

Mr. Treasurer shall report on Mr. Agar's petition.

Admissions:—28 June. Mr. Stephen, son and heir-apparent of Richard Trevill of Butshead, Devon, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* George Pitt, esq., by an Act of 28 May, 1652, to the chamber of Messrs. John Foyle and John Fussell on the south side of Elme Court towards the west, on the first story, on surrender by the former, for life and one assignment after; fine, 10*l.* Mr. Nicolas Pitt to the other half of the same chamber, on surrender by Mr. Fussell; fine, 10*l.* 30 June. Mr. Thomas, second son of Robert Townend *alias* Townsend of Silsden, Yorks, gent., deceased, specially; bound with ——; no fine.

Parliament holden 2 July, 1652.

The 100*l.* given by Mr. Charles Cockes for buying books, shall be disposed accordingly; and it is ordered at Mr. Cockes' request, that if the library cease, the said sum shall be paid to the overseers of Dombleton, Gloucestershire, as a stock to bind out apprentices and set poor children on work.

As the chamber which Mr. Rochester hires from the House is a great nuisance, being used as a kitchen, it shall be let to some one else without delay, unless he shall forbear to use it as a kitchen.

The chambers of those who have not paid their fines for admittance shall be seized.

Mr. Treasurer has power to change Mr. Geoffrey Palmer's eldest son for his youngest son, for the same fine, for his admittance into the chamber.

Messrs. Hussey, Pottes, Solme, Sandes, and Staples are desired to treat with any gentlemen who will repair or rebuild the decayed buildings in Middle Temple Lane.

The same gentlemen are desired to treat with Mr. Agar about rebuilding the decayed buildings in the lane, and he shall be considered therein for his chamber petitioned for.

All chambers now let out for rent shall be granted out for fines to such gentlemen as want chambers. Such as usually keep commons are to be preferred. Mr. Treasurer is desired to publish this order.

Mr. W. Clarke's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

All forfeitures for not keeping vacations shall be remitted from Easter Term 1642 till Easter Term 1650.

Admissions:—1 July. Mr. Geoffrey, son of Geoffrey Palmer of the Middle Temple, esq., specially; bound with his father; fine, ——. 3 July. Mr. Charles, son and heir-apparent of William Jones of Nass, Gloucestershire, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l*. Mr. John Buller to the chamber of Messrs. Samuel Trist and Richard Wallop of the Utter Bar, on surrender by the latter; fine, 3*l*. 6 July. Mr. Richard, son and heir of John Paige of Tillington, Sussex, gent., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Thomas and John Payne; fine, 4*l*. 7 July. Mr. Eldred, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Revett of Rushangles, Suffolk, gent., specially; bound with Mr. Philip Sheppard and his father; fine, 3*l*. 23 July. Mr. Henry, third son of Richard Cockes of Castleditch, Herefordshire, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. William Cox and John Cockes of the Utter Bar fine, 3*l*. Mr. Peter, son and heir-apparent of Peter Whalley of Northampton, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l*. 25 Aug. Mr. Abraham, son and heir-apparent of

Hugh Hubbert of Putney, Surrey, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* Mr. James, son and heir-apparent of James Russell of London, esq., generally; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 15 Sept. Mr. Robert Needler of Westminster, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 2 Nov. Mr. George, son and heir-apparent of John Austen of Shalford, Surrey, esq., specially; bound with his father and John Barton, jun., of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 5 Nov. Mr. Arthur Sparke to the chamber of Messrs. Ralf Freman and Obadiah Grevill, on surrender by the former; fine, 20*s.*

Parliament holden 5 Nov., 1652.

Mr. Treasurer shall have power to treat with Messrs. Cockes and Collett touching Mr. Collett's petition, and to compose the difference between them if he can.

Messrs. Eltonhed, Solme, and Proby shall report concerning Mr. Cockes' house in Mayden Lane at the next Parliament.

Messrs. Collett, Prestwood, Say, and Bayles are called to the Bench table, paying 50*l.* each.

Mr. Edward Eltonhed, a Master of the Chancery, is nominated to succeed Mr. Solicitor Reynoldes as Treasurer.

Admissions:—6 Nov. Mr. Charles, third son of Simon Perrott of Bromley, Middlesex, gent., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Henry Dighton and Henry Salmon; fine, 4*l.* 10 Nov. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of John Berry of Eastleigh, Devon, esq., specially; bound with Balthazar Beare, esq., and John Beare, gent.; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Thomas, son and heir-apparent of John Stephens, esq., a Master of the Bench, specially; bound with ——; no fine. 13 Nov. Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of John Kellond of Paygnsford, Devon, esq., specially; bound with his father and Mr. William Morgan of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 16 Nov. Mr. Thomas, third son of Henry Lee of London, gent., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. George Ryves and George Lee, his brother; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Edward, second son of Edward Dingley of Charlton, Worcestershire, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Nicholas Lechmere of the Utter Bar and Samuel Dingley, gent., his brother; fine, 4*l.* 24 Nov. Mr. Edward, son and heir-apparent of Edward Mainwaring of Whitmore, Staffordshire, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.* 25 Nov. Mr. John, son of Robert Bernard, esq.,

Serjeant-at-Law, to half an outer chamber, two pair of stairs high, in the late brick buildings on the north side of Pumpe Court, on the east end of the buildings; to a woodhouse on the west part of the chamber; to a bedchamber adjoining the woodhouse towards the north; and to a study next the bedchamber on the east, on surrender by his father, and by an Act of 10 Feb., 1631, for life; fine, being in execution of the last assignment, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. William King to the ground chamber or late office place of Mr. Nowell Butler in Middle Temple Lane, next under the south side of Mr. John Maynard's chamber; to a study and bedchamber adjoining on the east; to the little room or study on the west and passage there; and to a little room or woodhouse under the common stairs, for life, for 6*l.* a year rent; fine, 20*s.* Mr. Solomon, fifth son of John Ady of Doddington, Kent, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* Also to the chamber of Mr. William Constantine of the Utter Bar, at the end of Bricke Court, on his surrender; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* 26 Nov. Mr. James Nutley to the chamber of Messrs. Edmund Davie and John Davies, on the death of the former; no fine. Mr. William Nutley, brother of the preceding, to the same chamber, on forfeiture for discontinuance by Mr. John Davies; no fine.

Parliament holden 26 Nov., 1652.

The order touching Messrs. Cockes and Collett shall remain in force.

Messrs. Eltonhed, Solme, and Proby shall look into the title of Mr. Cockes' house in Mayden Lane, and report to the first Parliament next term.

Mr. Peare shall be called to the Bench table on paying his 50*l.*

The chamber of Messrs. Edmund Davie and John Davies in Inner Temple Lane, who are greatly in arrears, and have forfeited it by discontinuance, shall be disposed of by Mr. Treasurer to his son or otherwise, to his own use.

Mr. William Balle shall have the next chamber which falls, according to a former order.

The cellar under Mr. William Eltonhed's chamber in Elme Court, now enclosed with a deal partition from the storehouse, and contracted for with Mr. Treasurer for 20*l.*, shall be ratified to him on payment thereof.

The case of Mr. William Noyes is referred to the succeeding Treasurer.

The petition of Mr. Morrice Ceely is referred to the succeeding Treasurer, to restore him to his chamber on paying his dues, if there be cause.

The petitions of the two Puisne Butlers and John Best for increase of their salaries are refused, and the order made 10 Feb. last shall stand in force.

Messrs. Ball, Solme, Sandes, and Hoskyns are requested to draw up rules and instructions for improving and regulating the library.

Mr. Andrew Henley's chamber shall be consolidated according to the order of 16 June, 1648, and Mr. Treasurer is to set the fine.

Mr. Treasurer's account shall be brought in the first Parliament next term.

The watches in the House shall be as strictly kept as they were this time two years.

Called to the degree of the Utter Bar—

" Ettoricke, A.	Proby, Henr.
Pepys, J.	H
M	B
Buller, F.	Swanton, Fr."
B	

The Treasurership of Edward Eltonhed, esq., a Master of the Chancery.

Admission:—27 Nov., 1652. Mr. Walter, second son of Walter Wotton of Ingleborne, Devon, esq., specially; bound with his brother, William, and Mr. Jonas Stawell; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.*

At a meeting of the Masters of the Bench in the Parliament Chamber, 29 Nov., 1652, John Cockes, esq., a Barrister, was expelled for opprobrious language and laying of violent hands upon Thomas Collett, esq., a Master of the Bench.

Admissions:—1 Dec. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of James Waud of Battles Waud, Essex, esq., specially; bound with ——; no fine. 2 Dec. Mr. James, son and heir-apparent of James Dewy of Christchurch, Hants, esq.,

specially; bound with ——; no fine. 3 Dec. Mr. Richard Reynell to the chamber of Mr. John Robinson, near Inner Temple Lane, on his surrender; fine, 3*l.* 5*s.* 4 Dec. William Whitmore, esq., son and heir-apparent of Sir Thomas Whitmore of Apley, Shropshire, knt. and bart., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* 4 Dec. Mr. Thomas Whitmore, second son of the same, specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* 11 Dec. Mr. John Porter, on the surrender by Edward Stephens of Little Sidbury, Gloucestershire, esq., administrator of John Stephens, his son, of the Middle Temple, gent., deceased, and by an Act of 9 Feb., 1637, to half an outer chamber four pair of stairs high in the new buildings between Vine Court towards the east and Pumpe Court towards the west; and to a study, bedchamber, bedchamber for a man, and woodhouse on the south side of the outer chamber, for life; fine, being in execution of the last assignment, 20*s.* 14 Dec. Mr. William Willoughby, esq., second son of William, late lord Willoughby of Parham, deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 16 Dec. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of George Powlett of Barceston, Warwickshire, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.*

Parliament, 4 Feb., 1652.

As the building on the east side of the Middle Temple Lane is ruinous, part having fallen and the remainder in danger of falling and doing mischief to neighbour buildings (it being very high) and to passengers; those who have chambers there are ordered to treat with Mr. Treasurer concerning repairs or rebuilding before Friday, 11 Feb. Those failing, are not to expect any right to their chambers when rebuilt.

The executors of Mr. Edmund Davye, who had a ground chamber in Inner Temple Lane, shall be asked for his arrears of commons, etc. If they shall not pay before the end of Easter Term, his bond shall be put in suit.

The order made in Michaelmas Term about the library, is referred to the same committee.

Messrs. Pepys, Hussey, George, and Sandes are to report on the late Treasurer's accounts at the next Parliament.

Messrs. Silas Titus and Thomas Wiseman are to be summoned to show cause at the next Parliament why their upper chamber in Inner Temple Lane, which is very ruinous and

offensive, should not be seized for their arrears and discontinuance. In default, the chamber is to be seized.

Mr. Henley's title to the chamber of Mr. Pottes, deceased, must be produced at the next Parliament.

Every Bencher having a Bench Chamber assigned him by the Masters of the Bench in Parliament, may hold it during life.

The order made 25 Oct., 1650, concerning the chamber under the Hall, whereto Messrs. Francis Swanton and Goodhand are removed for the better accommodation of Lord Whitelocke, shall continue in force until some other chamber as good as their own is assigned to them.

On the motion of Mr. Hoskyns of the Bench, the part of a chamber wherein his son, John, is admitted, shall be united with that of his late chamber-fellow, Mr. Northey, which he has purchased of him. Mr. Treasurer has power to admit him, and the fine shall be respited until Mr. Hoskyns has a Bench Chamber. He shall have an assignment if he can produce any precedent of such a grant in an old building.

The like privilege is granted to Mr. J. Stephens, a Master of the Bench, for uniting his chamber in Vine Court, three pair of stairs high, with the late chamber of Mr. Richard Marshe, next above his own, which he has bought from him. Mr. Treasurer shall have power to admit him to both chambers. He shall hold them till he is placed in some Bench Chamber, and then it shall be two chambers again.

The committee nominated in Trinity Term for carrying on the new building or repairs in the lane is reappointed, and is desired to assist Mr. Treasurer in carrying on the work.

The orders concerning Mr. Henry Coningsby's petition shall be looked out against next Parliament.

Admissions:—5 Feb. Mr. William Eltonhed of the Utter Bar, by an order of 26 Nov., 1652, to the cellar immediately under his chamber, for life and one assignment after; fine, 20*l.* 7 Feb. Mr. Walter, son and heir-apparent of Frederick Vaughan of Gussage, Dorset, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. Francis Swanton of the Utter Bar and William Swanton, his son, of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of Henry Peckham of Croker Hill, Sussex, gent., specially; bound with Messrs. Henry Peckham of the Utter Bar and John Payne; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 8 Feb. John Gayer, esq., son and heir of Sir John Gayer of London, knt., and

alderman, deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Also to the whole chamber of Mr. Robert Gardiner of the Utter Bar, at the south-east corner of Elme Court, immediately over the chamber of Mr. Townesend, a Master of the Bench, on his surrender; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Foulke Lucy to the whole chamber of Mr. William Hussey, jun., of the Utter Bar, in Middle Temple Lane, near the great gate, immediately over the chamber of Messrs. George Lulls and Henry Salmon, on his surrender; fine, 20*s.* 9 Feb. Robert Bertie, esq., son and heir of Sir Roger Bertie of Wenlocke, Shropshire, knt., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. William Mountagu and John Bernard of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.*

Parliament, 11 Feb., 1652.

The Masters of the Bench, finding themselves out of debt, though it has chiefly been by raising money amongst themselves, remit all pensions and smaller duties on the rolls, excepting commons which were owing before Michaelmas Term, 1646; but those accrued in that term or since, shall be collected without any mitigation.

The chamber of Messrs. Titus and Wiseman shall be seized and disposed of, as they have not appeared.

The motion for the consolidation of Mr. John Hoskyns' chamber in Essex Court is respited.

The chamber of any gentleman having an assignment, which is not claimed by any executor or assignee within twelve months after his death, shall be forfeited.

The arrears of commons on the Steward's rolls in the several counties shall forthwith be collected, paid into the Treasury, and employed for the benefit of the library. The whole body of the law shall in the first place be provided.

Mr. Henley, a Master of the Bench, shall have the chamber of Mr. Pottes, another Master of the Bench, deceased.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Barker, George, and Fowell are desired to find accommodation for Messrs. Swanton and Goodhand, who are in a Bench Chamber under the Hall, that the said chamber may be given to some Bencher.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to send to Dr. Steevens for 20*l.* in regard of his association with the Masters of the Bench at their table.

Mr. E. Pate's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Steward, on his petition concerning the arrears of commons of Mr. P. Morgan, deceased, amounting to 11*l.* 9*s.*, is referred to a former order of 29 April, 1642.

On Thomas Lane's petition for poundage of the 50*l.* paid by some of the Masters of the Bench, a note must be produced of the Under-Treasurer's fees, and then it will be considered.

Admissions:—12 Feb. Mr. Andrew, son and heir of Joseph Bridger of Slymbridge, Gloucestershire, gent., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Philip Sheppard and John Driver; fine, 5*l.* 9 March. Mr. Ralf, second son of John Davenport of Davenport, Cheshire, esq., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, having been lately admitted to Lincoln's Inn, only 40*s.* Also to the whole chamber of Mr. Robert Hawys, in Middle Temple Lane, two pair of stairs high, on his surrender; fine, because it is in decay and intended to be rebuilt, 13*s.* 4*d.* Mr. John Shadwell, by surrender of Mrs. Lucy Pester, late wife and executrix of Mr. William Pester, one of the most ancient of the Utter Bar, deceased, and by an Act of 9 Feb., 1637, to a whole chamber on the fifth or upper story in the new brick buildings between Middle Temple [Lane] on the west and Pump Court on the east, for life; fine, being the last assignment, 20*s.* 17 March. Mr. William Ducie to the chamber of Messrs. Edward Duke of the Utter Bar and George Lee, on surrender by the former; fine, 2*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* Mr. Hugh Ducie, his brother, to the same chamber, on surrender by Mr. Lee; fine, 3*l.* Mr. George Lee to the chamber of Messrs. Daniel Proctor and William Ducie, being two chambers and one study, on surrender by the latter; fine, 3*l.* 28 April, 1653. Mr. Matthew Palmer to the chamber of Mr. Stephen Hervey of the Utter Bar, in Pumpe Court, immediately over the chamber of Mr. Clement Throckmorton, on his surrender; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. Stephen Hervey of the Utter Bar to the chamber of Francis Bramston, esq., and Mr. John Thorowgood, on surrender by the latter; fine, 50*s.* 30 April. Mr. Humphrey, third son of Sir George Garrett of London, knt. and alderman, deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. William Northey of the Utter Bar and John Hoskyns; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 5 May. Mr. Robert Gardiner of the Utter Bar to the whole ground chamber of Mr. Bayles, a Master of the Bench, in the brick building in Essex Court, on his surrender; fine, 3*l.* 6 May. Mr. Andrew Henley of the Utter Bar, by Acts of 16 June, 1648,

and 26 Nov., 1652, to the whole chamber where he now is, on the south-east corner of Elme Court, in the new buildings, three pair of stairs high, and to the whole chamber of Mr. Robert Henley of the Utter Bar, his brother and chamber-fellow, to hold united for life and one assignment after; fine, 5*l.* Mr. Robert, second son of Sir John Gayer of London, knt. and alderman, deceased, specially; bound with Mr. Andrew Henley of the Utter Bar and John Gayer, esq., his brother; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Also by Acts of 16 June, 1648, and 26 Nov., 1652, to the whole chamber of Mr. Andrew Henley of the Utter Bar, on the south-east corner of Elme Court, in the new buildings, three pair of stairs high, immediately over the chamber of John Gayer, esq., his brother, on his surrender, for life; fine, being the last assignment, 40*s.*

Parliament, 6 May, 1653.

Order for the removal of Mrs. Rowe, widow, and the locking up of her chamber until next term. Some years since she possessed herself of a chamber assigned to Mr. John Ratcliffe of the Utter Bar, her brother, who is chamber-fellow with Mr. William Jones of the Utter Bar and Mr. Thomas Higgons, and though about two or three months ago a certain time was limited her to leave, is there still. If Mr. Ratcliffe does not give a satisfactory explanation before the end of next term, his chamber will be seized and disposed of.

Dr. Steevens shall pay 20*l.* for his association with the Masters of the Bench at their table; and then the Benchers will consider his sitting with them at their Parliaments and fully completing him a Bencher.

On the petition of Henry Coningsby, esq., who had a chamber near the old gallery about seventeen years ago, which during his absence beyond seas was pulled down and rebuilt, but he can obtain no new chamber because he did not bring in his 40*l.* toward the rebuilding; if he now brings in his 40*l.*, a chamber or part of a chamber shall be assigned him in the new building.

If Mr. John Cockes craves pardon of Mr. Collett for his offence and attends all the Masters of the Bench at their chambers, they will take his petition to be restored into consideration.

Admissions:—9 May. Mr. Richard, second son of Fulke

Wallwyn of Hellewe, Herefordshire, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. Miles Cooke and Robert Dobbins; fine, 5*l.* 13 May. Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of Robert Werden of Barton, Cheshire, esq., generally; bound with Mr. . . . Jones of the Utter Bar and his father; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 20 May. Mr. Edmund, son and heir of Edmund Pott of Pottchapell, Cheshire, deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. James Thomson, sen., and Thomas Lee, sen.; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Thomas, fifth son of William Goodhand of Kirmond, Lincolnshire, gent., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Charles and Andrew Goodhand of Kirmond his brothers; fine, 4*l.*

Parliament, 20 May, 1653.

On the petition of Thomas Peirce, bricklayer, for money owing to him by the gentlemen for a brick wall and other work in the garden, and on the information of Mr. Wright, of the Utter Bar, subscribed to the petition; the Masters of the Bench, though no ways engaged therein, having formerly contributed great sums to the same, order that 20*l.* shall be paid to Mr. Wright on his promise to discharge the Society of all debts to Peirce and others for the garden.

Called to the degree of the Utter Bar:—William Cooper, John Shadwell, John Walker, John Entwisle, John Brerewood, Cheyney Rowe, Thomas Staples, G. Peirce, John Aylett.

Admissions:—21 May. Mr. William, son and heir of William Strete of Halloughton, Leicestershire, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. William Mott and John Pepys of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Alexander, second son of Sir Alexander Denton of Hillesdon, Bucks, knt., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. William Smith of the Utter Bar and Edmund Denton of Hillesdon, his brother; fine, 5*l.* Mr. Edward, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Hobbes of the Middle Temple, gent., specially; bound with his father and ——; fine, 4*l.* 23 May. William Willoughby, esq., to the whole ground chamber of Mr. John Barton, jun., of the Utter Bar, at the north end of the brick buildings in Essex Court, on his surrender; fine, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* 24 May. Mr. Richard, son and heir of Richard Langworthy of Lizewell, Devon, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. John Fowell and Thomas Burell; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Arthur, second son of Arthur Bassett of Umberleigh, Devon, esq., specially;

bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 27 May. Mr. John Entwisle to the chamber of Messrs. Alexander Jermyn and William Gilbert, on surrender by the latter; fine, 4*l.* Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Preston of Ilford, Essex, gent., specially; bound with Mr. William Rushton and his father; fine, 4*l.* 31 May. John Fryer of London, doctor in physic, specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* 11 June. Mr. John Hoskyns to the whole chamber of himself and Mr. William Northey of the Utter Bar, in Essex Court, on surrender by the latter, and by an Act of 4 Feb., 1652; fine, to be respited until Mr. Hoskyns of the Bench, his father, is accommodated with a chamber, 5*l.* Mr. John, second son of John Verney of Kingston, Warwickshire, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Mr. Robert Dobbyns and Mr. Richard Verney, his brother; fine, 4*l.*

Parliament, 17 June, 1653.

Mr. Treasurer is to report upon the cost bestowed by Mr. Richard Rudyard upon his chamber in Vine Court.

As to Mr. William Ducie's desire that he and his brother, Hugh, might be jointly and severally admitted into both parts of their chamber, and the survivor into the whole; he may have both parts united to himself, paying double duties upon all rolls except commons, but without power to alienate the chamber, which shall be made two parts again on death or sale, and not to be enjoyed by survivorship.

On Mr. Maurice Ceely's petition to have the ancient part of a chamber in Middle Temple Lane, to which he and Mr. Wiliam Morgan are admitted; the Masters of the Bench find that Mr. Ceely was first admitted, and therefore ought to have the choice of parts; and that he had possession of the ancient part until upon dissolution of commons he was forced to leave the House and take up arms in behalf of the Parliament at Taunton, and then Mr. Morgan, taking advantage of his absence, possessed himself of the ancient part, and still keeps it. They therefore order that Mr. Morgan shall remove his books and other things before the end of this term, and Mr. Treasurer shall restore Mr. Ceely to that part.

It is again ordered that Mr. John Cockes shall attend the Masters of the Bench at their chambers.

Admission:—18 June. Mr. James, son and heir-apparent

of James Ward of Twiford, Norfolk, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 7*s.*

Parliament, 24 June, 1653.

Those ancients of the Utter Bar who were chosen by the Masters of the Bench, upon payment of 50*l.* as a pledge that they will read, to sit with them at their table in the Hall and have a voice with them in Parliaments and other meetings in the Parliament Chamber, and have not yet accepted thereof and paid their money, shall pay before Tuesday next, or the nomination shall be void.

Gentlemen having chambers or parts of chambers and suffering strangers to lodge therein after Michaelmas next, shall pay 20*s.* fine for each week, and if they permit them to stay for a month, the chamber shall be forfeited. Any one permitting a woman to lodge in his chamber after Michaelmas, shall forfeit it *ipso facto.*

As there has been great neglect in the Utter Barristers assigned in terms to moot in the Hall in not forming pleadings to the case, the ancient custom shall be revived, and every Utter Barrister assigned to moot, in whose course it shall fall to give the case, shall form and make such pleadings and deliver them in writing to the Master Butler at the beginning of dinner the day before the moot is to be performed. Any mootsman performing such exercises, and failing to do this, shall forfeit five marks. Any young gentlemen under the Bar, assigned to repeat their pleadings, who refuse or neglect to perform the same, shall pay five marks. If either of the said mootsmen fails to rehearse his pleadings before he falls to his case and argument, the moot shall not be recorded nor taken for an exercise on his part, but he shall be fined five marks. No Master of the Bench appointed to sit at any such moot or exercise, shall have power to remit such pleadings or repeating of the pleadings, or the fines, except the repeating of pleadings of the Utter Barrister.

If Mr. Rudyard will show how he has enlarged and improved his chamber for the advantage of the House, his petition shall be considered.

Mr. John Cockes, lately expelled for an affront offered to Mr. Collett, is restored upon his humble submission to Mr. Collett and his respectful behaviour towards the other Masters

of the Bench, first paying all arrears of commons and other duties.

On a letter from Mr. Collett to Mr. Richard Pepys, showing his willingness to surrender his part of a chamber in Essex Court to Mr. Cockes, his chamber-fellow, for a reasonable consideration, Mr. Treasurer is empowered to arrange the business between them when they come to town.

Mr. John Parker, jun., a builder in the late brick buildings between Elme and Pumpe Courts, who had a third part of a high chamber over Mr. Treasurer's chamber assigned him, petitions that he might have a considerable sum of money or some more convenient chamber not so high allowed him in lieu of the other. Considering how long it was before he made his claim, and that by the orders of the House he ought not to have travelled so as to be absent from commons for a year without licence, and also that the chamber would then have yielded much more by sale than now, and that it was assigned him by none of the present Masters of the Bench but by their predecessors for reasons best known to themselves; the Masters of the Bench resolve not to buy or give him money for it, nor to give him another chamber in exchange, but they will grant to him or to any whom he may nominate an assignment therein, although by express orders he is debarred the same by his own neglect.

The chambers of all the Masters of the Bench shall be viewed by Mr. Treasurer, and goods bought by the House shall be inventoried and branded with the House brand or mark lately provided.

30 June. At a meeting in the garden, after hearing the apology of Mr. John Welles, who was summoned by Mr. Treasurer to depart from a rent chamber in the Churchyard, which he has held for nearly nine years at an under rent, though never admitted, and has never since been in commons, nor paid any commons or duties for fourteen years; he is ordered to pay on or before 29 Sept. all his arrears of commons and other duties according to a late order of abatement, and his arrears of rent, remove his books and other goods, and deliver up all the keys of the chamber without any defacing thereof, or else his bond is immediately to be put in suit and he expelled.

Admissions:—24 June. Mr. John Pepys of the Utter Bar to the late chamber of Mr. Francis Streete, also of the Utter

Bar, in Mr. Kellawaye's buildings in the Churchyard, forfeited by Mr. Streete for discontinuance and non-payment of rent, for 50*s.* yearly rent; no fine, being son of Mr. Richard Pepys, a Master of the Bench. 30 June. Mr. Daniel Earle of the Utter Bar to the chamber of Messrs. James Whitelocke and William Whitelocke in Essex Court, on surrender by the latter; fine, 30*s.* Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of William Sedley of Diggeswell, Herts, esq., specially; bound with his father and Antony Maddison of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 6 July. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of John Tredinham of Phillye, Cornwall, gent., generally; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 27 July. Mr. William Jones of the Utter Bar to one ground chamber of Mr. Richard Jones, in Middle Temple Lane, on his surrender; fine, because the chamber is shortly to be pulled down and new built, 10*s.*

Parliament, 4 Nov., 1653.

Ancients of the Utter Bar called to sit with the Masters of the Bench at their table in the Hall, or at their councils in the Parliament Chamber, shall pay 50*l.*, or be subject to a fine for not reading, and having paid it, sit with the most ancient of the Utter Bar in commons at their table on the north side of the Hall, as hath been formerly accustomed.

A private search shall be made this term for strangers, and two Butlers or other officers shall attend two Masters of the Bench in making it. Any gentleman complaining of being annoyed by such strangers, shall not fail to have them removed and the orders of the House put in execution.

On Mr. E. Fleetewood's petition, the commons cast upon him for his chamber while beyond the sea shall be remitted, but he shall pay all arrears of other duties.

The petition of Mr. Humfrey Coningesby for a chamber which he not long since had in Essex Court, but which was sequestered by the sequestrators of London appointed by the then Parliament, and also seized by Mr. Treasurer for great arrears of commons and other duties, and sold to Mr. Fowell, one of the Masters of the Bench, is respited till Mr. Fowell shall be in commons.

Mr. Ball is nominated to succeed Mr. Eltonhead as Treasurer.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to treat with Messrs. Geoffrey Palmer, Richard Thomas, and Thomas Lake about their

association and calling to the Bench table, and to acquaint the Masters of the Bench with their minds at next Parliament.

Mr. R. Pepis, a Master of the Bench, shall have 50*l.* allowed him to raise his chamber one story higher with brick, and add a battlement of brick, which will improve the Hall Court, "one side whereof standing on the same and opposite to the Hall porch."

Admissions:—5 Nov. Mr. Walter, son and heir-apparent of Edward Hungerford of Cadenham, Wilts, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. Giles Hungerford of the Utter Bar and Robert Strange; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 15 Nov. Mr. Thomas, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Walker, alderman of London, specially; bound with Messrs. John Agar and Thomas Kitchell; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 18 Nov. Mr. William Welsh, late of New Inn, gent., generally; bound with Messrs. Dawbeny Williams of the Utter Bar and William Noyes, gent.; fine, 1*l.* 23 Nov. Mr. John, son and heir of John Wiseman of Bosyat, Northants, esq., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of William Rushton of the Middle Temple, gent., specially; bound with Mr. James Coles of the Utter Bar and his father; fine, 2*l.* 25 Nov. Mr. William, son and heir of Thomas Holland of Burwarton, Salop, gent., deceased, specially; bound with Robert Dobbins and Richard Verney, gents.; fine, 4*l.* Thomas, son of Richard Trott of Audley End, Walden, Essex, deceased, specially; bound with ——; no fine. 25 Nov. John, son and heir of John Barker of Hoxton, Suffolk, gent., deceased, specially; bound with ——; no fine. Mr. Thomas, son and heir-apparent of William Hincks of Sutton, Shropshire, gent., specially; bound with ——; no fine. Mr. Henry, son and heir of Henry Tulse of Hinton Admirall, Christchurch, Hants, esq., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.*

Parliament, 25 Nov., 1653.

Mr. Peare, Master Prestwood, and Mr. Say having failed in paying 50*l.* according to divers orders, shall be fined 10*l.* each and shall sit in commons in the Hall with the most ancient of the Bar who have past their readings. This is to apply also to Messrs. Thomas and Lake if they do not pay their 50*l.* before Tuesday next.

Lord Lisley, one of the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal of England, shall have the like admission into the Bench Chambers lately assigned to him, those of Sir Peter Ball, Mr. Coates, and Serjeant Brerwood, as Lord Whitlock, another Lord Commissioner of the Great Seal, has in his chamber in Bricke Court.

Mr William Barker, a Master of the Bench, shall have the Bench Chamber under the west end of the Hall, now held by Messrs. Goodhand and Swanton, who are upon notice to leave it before next term. That there may be no excuse or pretence of delay, the Masters in lieu of their old chamber in Bricke Court, which they left to accommodate Lord Whitlocke, have assigned to them the late chamber of Messrs. Chamberlyne and Phillips in Essex Court, where William Burford, the Panierman, lives, which chamber the Masters suppose to be much better than their old one. If they neglect to remove, Mr. Treasurer shall cause the said chamber in the garden to be locked up and a padlock set thereon.

Mr. Coningsby's late petition for a chamber in Essex Court, now in possession of Mr. Fowell, a Master of the Bench, was reconsidered. Finding that the chamber had been absolutely sold by a late Treasurer, the Masters of the Bench think fit to pass over the said business, as not being in their power to alter what has been done so long and confirmed without any opposition.

The conference with Benchers of the Inner Temple concerning Mr. Hinde, the intended Lecturer, shall be put off till next term.

Colonel John Bingham of this House shall have a chamber on the first or second story in the lane when finished, in lieu of a high chamber in the late brick building in Elme Court formerly assigned to him, which he is to surrender, without prejudice to any gentlemen who had chambers in the old building lately pulled down. On submission to the fines imposed by the Masters for pulling down and rebuilding, each shall enjoy his own chamber now new built, in the same place and story as before.

Dr. Stevens shall be once more sent unto for his 20*l.* for his association.

The petition of Mr. William Cox, that in regard of his age and weakness of body he might have a fire in the library, and

some one to look to the sweeping and cleansing thereof, is referred to the succeeding Treasurer.

The petition of William Best for some small room or place to lodge in the House, considering his age and early rising in the term time about his duties in the kitchen, is referred to the succeeding Treasurer.

Concerning the petition of Mr. John Parker, jun., to have a lower chamber in the new erected building in the lane, instead of the high part of a treble chamber long since assigned him in a building then erected between Pumpe Court and Elme Court; the Masters of the Bench do not think fit to meddle with the act of their predecessors, but are willing to remit the penalty of casting him into commons.

Mr. Houlder's petition to have abatement of the duties of Mr. Thomas Freeman, whose chamber he has bought, thereby subjecting himself to the payment of arrears which are more than he suspected, is referred to the succeeding Treasurer.

On the petition of Mr. John Norden of the Utter Bar, who lent his chamber in Bricke Court to Lord Whitlocke, and asserts that since his departure it has been entered into by Mr. Agar, who refuses to restore it; the new Treasurer is to call both parties before him and settle their differences.

Mrs. Fisher, who lives in Seales * Inn, shall be considered by the succeeding Treasurer for her trouble in keeping that house.

The next Treasurer shall send to view Seales Inn to see what repair has been done by the Anabaptists there, and to allow them what he thinks fit.

The next Treasurer is to appoint a new porter, and allow the old porter half the profits of the place for his maintenance.

Mr. William Waud, of this Society, shall have a chamber bestowed on him by the next Treasurer in the new buildings in Temple Lane or elsewhere.

Lord Lisle's chamber shall be discharged from all privileges of a Bencher's Chamber, and he shall be admitted thereto for life without fine.

The following are called to the degree of the Utter Bar:— Richard Reynell, William King, John Payne, Robert Hawys, Thomas Dove, Thomas Medlycote, Alan Carr, John Hoskyns, William Hatton, Thomas Walcot, Charles Goodhand, Philip Sheppard, Henry Dighton, Thomas Hall, sen., Thomas Kitchell.

* *Sic* in the marginal note. The second letter has been altered in both paragraphs, but the intention of the alteration is not apparent.

Sir Peter Ball, Treasurer.

Admissions:—26 Nov., 1653. Mr. Andrew, son and heir-apparent of Andrew Cholwich of Chudleigh, Devon, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 28 Nov. Mr. Timothy, son and heir-apparent of Peter Langston of Oxford, gent., specially; bound with his father and William Langston, gent.; fine, 4*l.* 13 Jan., 1653. Nathaniel Hubbert, esq., a Master of the Chancery, specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. Thomas, son and heir of Thomas Swynton of Chester, gent., deceased, generally; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 3 Feb. Mr. John, son and heir of John Hill of London, gent., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Richard Cuttes of the Utter Bar and Henry Cuttes, gent.; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. John Burton to the chamber of Mr. Edward Ady of the Utter Bar, on his surrender; no fine, he coming in in the right of a builder. Also to the chamber of Mr. William Jones of the Utter Bar, on his surrender, similarly.

Parliament, 3 Feb., 1653.

If Mr. Thomas and Mr. Lake, lately called by the Masters to sit at their table in the Hall, etc., pay 50*l.*, they shall be admitted to the Bench, and in default thereof to pay 10*l.*

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Eltonhed and Sandes shall consider of placing gentlemen who had chambers in the old building in the lane in the new building there, and what each shall pay for building.

On reading the order made last term for removing Mr. Swanton from his chamber in the garden, being a Bench Chamber, to the chamber of Burford, the Panierman, in Essex Court; the Treasurer shall take as assistants Messrs. Hussey and George to see if the said chamber can be made fit for his accommodation.

Dr. Steevens shall be once more sent to for his 20*l.* for association with the Masters of the Bench at their table. If he pay not within ten days, he shall be disbenched.

Mr. William Hatton, lately called to the degree of the Utter Bar, having paid all his commons and other duties, shall be declared to be of the Bar, although he has no chamber in the House, as his father, Serjeant Hatton, and Mr. Sandes, a

Master of the Bench, have engaged that he shall have one within a year, and meantime pay all duties. This is not to be a precedent.

Mr. Edward Pates' chamber in Pumpe Court shall be seized by Mr. Treasurer, locked up, and disposed of, in consequence of the many great misdemeanours committed by strangers permitted by him to lodge there.

Admissions:—4 Feb. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of William Smallwood of Warford, Cheshire, specially; bound with Messrs. Richard Peare and William King of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 7 Feb. Mr. Nathaniel, second son of John Brooke of Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire, gent., specially; bound with Mr. Henry Dighton of the Utter Bar and his father; fine, 4*l.* 9 Feb. Mr. Richard, son and heir-apparent of Richard Cockes of Dumbleton, Gloucestershire, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. John Cockes of the Utter Bar and Henry Cockes; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Richard, son and heir-apparent of Francis Norwood of Leckhampton, Gloucestershire, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. John and Henry Cockes; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.* 10 Feb. Mr. Nathaniel Brooke to the chamber of Mr. Thomas Woodward in Pumpe Court, immediately over the chamber of Mr. Balle, a Master of the Bench and Treasurer, on his surrender; fine, 4*l.* Mr. John, second son of John Fleetwood of Great Missenden, Bucks, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Edward Fleetwood and George Lee; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of William Hoskyns of Berinthen, Herefordshire, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.*

Parliament, 10 Feb., 1653.

Mr. Bayliffe is dismissed from the Under-Treasurership in consequence of his long neglect and his disability to execute the office by reason of age. When he has perfected his accounts and delivered up the books and writings in his charge, a gratuity shall be given to him. William Jones, esq., Utter Barrister, is appointed in his place. He must give such security as Mr. Treasurer thinks fit.

The order concerning the chamber of Mr. Morgan and Mr. Morrice Ceely, made 17 June, 1653, shall stand without alteration. Mr. Morgan shall take benefit of the order made in his favour in 1638, until the same be performed by Mr. William Ceely.

On motions made that Messrs. Peare, Prestwood, and Say may bring in their several 50*l.* and be admitted to the Bench, notwithstanding the former orders to exclude them; it is ordered that they shall forthwith pay 10*l.* each, imposed by order of 25 Nov., and after paying this and depositing 50*l.* each in the Treasury, their admission to the Bench shall be considered by the next Parliament, and if they are not admitted, the 50*l.* shall be returned. The like order to stand for Mr. Thomas.

Both parts of Mr. John Latch's chamber in the brick building in Essex Court shall be consolidated, on his paying a fine and procuring his chamber-fellow's surrender.

Admissions:—11 Feb. Mr. Robert Stephens to the chamber of Messrs. George and Nicholas Pitt, on surrender by the former; fine, ——. Mr. Miles Cooke, on the nomination of Mr. R. Stephens, to the other part, on surrender by Mr. Nicholas Pitt; fine, ——. Mr. Thomas, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Latham of the Middle Temple, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 7 March. Mr. Fleetwood Dormer to the chamber of Mr. John Bayliffe, one of the most ancient of the Utter Bar, and Mr. Woodchurch Clarke, on the second story over the great gate, on surrender by the latter; fine, 3*l.* 1 April, 1654. John, son and heir of John Danvers of Monoks, Wilts, gent., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Edward Wallis and Robert Stephens of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 8 April. Mr. John Bishopp of Lyons Inne, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* 11 April. Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of John Seymour of Larcombe, Devon, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. John, third son of George Orlibeare of Poddington, Beds, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 27 April. Mr. John, fourth son of Edward Burton of Atcham, Shropshire, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Mr. Robert Wright of the Utter Bar and Mr. Henry Salmon; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 29 April. Mr. Edward, son and heir-apparent of Peregrin Hobby of Bisham Abbie, Berks, esq., specially; bound with Mr. Thomas Hall, of the Utter Bar and Mr. Richard Wallwyn; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr John, son and heir of John Kirrill of Horley, Surrey, gent., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 4 May. John Willis, esq., son and heir-apparent of Thomas Willis of Ditton, Cambridgeshire, bart., specially; bound with ——;

fine, 4*l*. Mr. Richard Willis, second son of the same, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l*.

Parliament, 5 May, 1654.

The fees of the Sub-Treasurer's place, and of his servant, shall be presented at the first Parliament of next term, so that, according to his desire, nothing may be taken by either but what is just and usual.

As Mr. Say has brought in his 50*l*. and 10*l*., the latter shall be remitted, and he shall be admitted to the Bench.

The gentlemen interested as proprietors in the present new building near the Temple Gate in Middle Temple Lane shall pay their respective sums to the Sub-Treasurer before 2 June, having personal notice thereof. In default their parts will be seized and disposed of.

Mr. Agar shall have, in lieu of the chamber with which he parted for Lord Whitlock's accommodation, the ground chamber in the passage going into Pumpe Court next Middle Temple Lane, if he approve thereof, until he can be otherwise provided for. The said chamber shall be forthwith seized by Mr. Treasurer and disposed of for the use of the House, for Mr. George Smith, who holds it, is in arrears of rent and discontinues commons.

Mr. Waude, grandchild to Mr. Eltonhead, last Treasurer, at his special request, shall be admitted and have the chamber up three pair of stairs and nearest the gate in the last new building in Middle Temple Lane. Mr. Treasurer is to admit him without fine.

Mr. Jones, Sub-Treasurer, shall have the chamber next adjoining that which, in the right of a builder, he has in the present new building in Middle Temple Lane up two pair of stairs, at the end nearest the water; for which and for the building, union, and assignment in both, with the coalroom on the next stairs northward, he shall pay 40*l*.

Mr. Wadloe's door intended to be made out of his tavern called "the Divill" into Temple Lane on pretence of leave from the then Treasurer, but by him and the Bench disowned, shall be more handsomely made up with brick than now; and the sink thereby, and one more private made underground from the tavern through Lord Whitlocke's garden, shall be both stopped up unless the Bench please to dispense with them under a

rent. A copy of this order is to be shown to Mr. Wadloe after it is signed by Mr. Treasurer.

Arrears of rent must be paid before the first Parliament of next term, or suit will be commenced presently after, and the parties put out of what they hold.

Messrs. Beare, Sandes, and Lake shall on Monday night after supper audit Mr. Eltonhead's accounts, and report to the next Parliament.

Sir Peter Ball, Treasurer, with the assistance of any of the Bench or the Bar and the officers, shall survey all the chambers and take exact account of the present possessors and their rights and rents, and report to the next Parliament.

On the petition of Mr. John Burton, two chambers in the new building in the lane, next over the two north cellars, may be consolidated, and Mr. Burton admitted thereto for life and one assignment after, on surrender by the two gentlemen formerly interested in the old building, and on payment of 30*l.* for new building, and a fine.

Admissions:—6 May. John Shackburgh, esq., son and heir-apparent of Sir Richard Shackburgh of Over Shakburgh, Warwickshire, knt., specially; bound with Messrs. Thomas Burman and Francis Breton of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 8 May. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of William Wolley of the Middle Temple, esq., specially; bound with his father and Mr. John Gibbons of the Middle Temple; fine, 4*l.* 9 May. Mr. Lyonel Robinson, by an Act of 5 May, to a single chamber of the new building in Middle Temple Lane near the great gate, two pair of stairs high, towards the north, for life and one assignment after; fine, 60*l.* 12 May. Mr. Paul, second son of Sir Thomas Bowes of Bromley Hall, Essex, knt., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 2 June. Mr. Francis, son and heir of Edward Wolley of Hammersmith, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.*

Parliament, 2 June, 1654.

On the earnest petition of the Barristers and students, all women and families shall remove by Thursday, 8 June. The chambers of any who delay shall be seized the next day, locked up, and disposed of by Mr. Treasurer.

Messrs. Sands, Staples, Fowell, and Whitmore, Masters of the Bench, with each a Barrister, a student, and an officer,

shall divide the courts amongst themselves and give notice of the order. In case of absence, the notice is to be fixed on the screen.

Arrears of commons and duties by those who have chambers shall be paid to the Sub-Treasurer by Wednesday next, 7 June, and hereafter punctually at the end of every term. If any one shall be a year behind, his chamber or part shall be forfeited. The chambers of those long discontinuers whose arrears equal, or nearly equal, the value of their chambers in Mr. Treasurer's judgment, shall be seized. Those in arrear who have no chambers shall have their bonds sued after the expiration of a year. Those already more than a year in arrear shall be forthwith sued. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

As Mr. Wadlowe, of "the Divill Tavern," has not made up the intended way and door out of his tavern into Temple Lane, nor observed the order concerning the encroachment of his sinks; the said door shall be more handsomely walled up, and he shall have no liberty to continue the sinks, though at a rent.

Mr. Prestwood having brought in his 50*l.* and 10*l.*, the latter shall be remitted, and he shall be admitted to the Bench.

Mr. Tichborne's chamber, assigned, as is believed, to Mr. Garret, lately deceased, shall be seized, for Mr. Tichborne's arrears are very great and his discontinuance long.

Mr. Staples, a Master of the Bench, shall be abated 5*l.* of the rate set upon his chamber as a builder in the new building in Temple Lane, and he or his assigns admitted thereto with an assignment.

Burford shall be removed out of the chamber in Essex Court, formerly a double chamber, and it shall be repaired. Messrs. Swanton and Goodhand shall then be removed thither.

No strangers shall hereafter be buried in the Church or Churchyard, as it discommodes the burial of members, and weakens the foundations of the pillars of the Church. The Inner House are to be desired to concur herein.

Mr. Fleetwood Dormer shall be admitted to the garret over his chamber, to which it formerly belonged, on paying the cost of the late repairs and all arrears.

Upon a full and serious debate, the order of 3 Feb., 1653, concerning Mr. Edward Pate's chamber, is confirmed, and it shall be disposed of by Mr. Treasurer. Besides the lodging there of persons of ill-fame and women, and several

times letting it to strangers, it was assigned from his youngest son to his eldest long before declared, all contrary to many orders of the House.

The Sub-Treasurer's fees and profits are confirmed according to an order of 27 June, 1628. His man, Thomas Lane, who has not brought in his fees, shall do so this Parliament precisely.

On petition of Mr. Edward Wallrond of the Utter Bar, he is readmitted, on payment of arrears, to his chamber in Bricke Court, whereunto Mr. Justice Puliston, when Treasurer, admitted his son (*de bene esse*), though under age; as some questions concerning the chamber are now thoroughly cleared up.

Admissions:—6 June. Mr. Philip Sheppard, esq., to the chamber of Mr. Robert Stephens of the Utter Bar in Essex Court, two pair of stairs high, immediately over the chamber of Mr. Howell, a Master of the Bench, on his surrender; fine, 2*l.* 6 June. Mr. Marmaduke, sixth son of Sir Roger Jaques of York, knt., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 8 June. Mr. William, fourth son of Edward Martyn of Westcoate, Wilts, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. William Noyes and Richard Hall; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Thomas Walker, on surrender by Mr. Thomas Turnor, by an Act of 4 May last, to a single chamber in the new building in the Lane, one pair of stairs high, at the south end, for life and one assignment after; fine, 25*l.* Mr. William, son and heir of William Lane of Ashton, Northants, esq., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.*

Parliament, 9 June, 1654.

The order of 2 June for removing families and women shall be executed to-morrow by seizing the chambers wherein all who are not removed by this day, are, or who shall, though removed, return. The family of Mr. Hall, Attorney of the Duchy, may remain in consequence of his wife's sickness till she is able to be removed. The chambers of Mary Brindall, Mrs. Mondiford, Mary White, the Porters' wives, Mr. Burford's wife, etc., shall be forthwith seized.

Mr. Jermin's chamber shall be seized for his entertaining strange women, Mr. Jermin's right when he shall come and continue in commons being reserved.

Mr. William Smallwood shall have admission into the other

part of his chamber, which Mr. Francis Walsted, an ancient of the Utter Bar, has assigned to him.

Mr. Robert Stephens shall have an assignment of his chambers for 10*l.*

The chamber of Mr. George Maplisden, deceased, a builder and sufferer in the new buildings in 1638 in Pumpe and Elme Courts, shall be granted to his son or his assigns, his son paying all arrears and a reasonable fine.

If any arrears appointed by an order of 2 June to be paid by a day now past shall not be paid punctually by the first Parliament in Michaelmas Term, the chambers or bonds of the debtors shall be seized or sued. If near the value of the chamber, the chamber shall be forthwith seized, as expressed in the said order.

Mr. Latch shall be admitted into Mr. Tichborne's chamber and have a consolidation thereof for life, paying double duties, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for the consolidation, a fine for admission, and all arrears.

On a full hearing of Messrs. Bagshaw and Staples, Masters of the Bench, it is ordered that as Mr. Staples was not admitted into his present chamber in Essex Court, a Bencher's Chamber, formerly in Mr. Bagshawe's possession, Mr. Bagshawe shall be readmitted.

The following are called to the degree of the Utter Bar:—Thomas Cave, a chamber,* admitted 15 June, 1646. Cl. Trockmorton, a chamber, admitted 15 May, 1647. William Alport, a chamber, admitted 17 Nov., 1646. G. Reines, no chamber, admitted 12 Feb., 1647. Mr. Reines affirms he was admitted the year before of the Society of New Inn.

Admissions:—12 June. Mr. Henry Chauncy to the chamber of Mr. Richard Vernon of the Utter Bar in Inner Temple Lane, three pair of stairs high, on his surrender; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* 13 June. Mr. Thomas, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Salter of Tottington, Norfolk, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* Mr. John Boune to a chamber up one pair of stairs in the north staircase in the late new building in Middle Temple Lane, for life; fine, 50*l.* 13 June. Mr. Francis, second son of Edward Willughby, late of Castall, Notts, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. John and

* The word "chamber" in this paragraph is "ch." or "cha." in the MS.; but there is no doubt that "chamber" is the word intended.

Edward Birch; fine, 5*l.* Mr. Edward Walrond of the Utter Bar to a chamber in Bricke Court, two pair of stairs high, on surrender by Justice Puliston; no fine, but composition for his duties, 4*l.* 18 June. Mr. W. Smallwood, by an Act of 9 June, 1654, and on surrender by Mr. Francis Walsted, an ancient of the Utter Bar, to the other part of his chamber in Essex Court, which is consolidated with his own; fine, 6*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. Robert Stephens, by an Act of 9 June, 1654, to Mr. George Pitt's part of a chamber in Elme Court, in the south-west corner westward, next over the storehouse, on his surrender, for life and one assignment after; fine, 5*l.* Mr. Miles Cooke, by an Act of 9 June, 1654, and at the nomination of Mr. Robert Stephens of the Utter Bar, to Mr. Nicholas Pitt's part of a chamber in Elme Court, in the south-west corner westward, next over the storehouse, on Mr. Pitt's surrender, for life and one assignment after; fine, 5*l.* 19 June. Mr. John Burton, by an Act of 5 May, 1654, to two chambers in the new building in Middle Temple Lane, the next over the two north cellars thereof, now united, on surrender by Mr. E. Ady and Mr. Jones, for life and one assignment; for new building and fine, 36*l.* Mr. John Latch of the Utter Bar, by an Act of 9 June, to a whole chamber in Essex Court, on the surrender of part by Mr. B. Tichborne; fine for union, 10*l.* 23 June. Mr. John Willis to an upper chamber in the new building in Middle Temple Lane, the north part thereof, for life and one assignment after; he gives 33*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* Mr. Nicholas, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Hookes of Coggs Farm, Oxfordshire, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 20*s.* 23 June. Mr. Morris Tresham to the chamber of Mr. George Tresham in Vine Court, up two pair of stairs over the Cloisters, on his surrender; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Richard Willis into the middle upper room in the new building in Middle Temple Lane, for life and one assignment after; he gives 33*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* 5 July. Mr. Robert Bertie to the chamber of Mr. Calthrop of the Utter Bar, in Elme Court, on the east staircase, up two pair of stairs, on his surrender; fine, 4*l.* 12 Oct. Mr. Nicholas, son and heir of Edward Archbold of Clements Daines, Middlesex, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, having been of New Inn thirteen years, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of Robert Thacker of Norwich, esq., specially; bound with Mr. Henry

Martin, gent., and Mr. Thomas Wood of Graies Inn; fine, 4*l.* 13 Oct. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of Colonel William Hilliard of Sea, Somerset, specially; bound with his father and Mr. E. Wallrond of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 15 Nov. Mr. M. Malet to the chamber of Mr. John Latch of the Utter Bar and Mr. Thomas Hall, in Essex Court, on surrender by the latter; fine, 40*s.* 14 Nov. Mr. John Thacker into the middle chamber, up one pair of stairs, in the new building in Middle Temple Lane, for life; fine, 60*l.* 22 Oct. Mr. Owen, fifth son of Sir Gerrard Eyton of Eyton, Denbighshire, knt., generally; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 25 Oct. Mr. James, son and heir-apparent of James Huyshe of Siddbury, Devon, esq., specially; bound with Thomas Bampfeild of the Utter Bar, esq., and Robert Young of the Inner Bar; fine, 4*l.* 28 Oct. Robert Driden, esq., son and heir-apparent of Sir John Driden of Cannons Ashby, Northants, bart., specially; bound with his father and Mr. John Shuckburg; fine, 4*l.* Mr. John Driden, second son of the above, specially; bound with the same; fine, 4*l.* 30 Oct. Mr. Samuel, son and heir-apparent of Mr. Henry Proctor of the Utter Bar, specially; bound with his father; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.* 1 Nov. Mr. John, second son of Richard Hutchins of Crewkarne, Somerset, gent., specially; bound with William King, esq., of the Utter Bar and Mr. John Bishop of the Inner Bar; fine, 4*l.* 3 Nov. Mr. Maurice, son and heir of Henry Eady of Grafton, Northants, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 1 Nov. Mr. John Bishop, by an Act of 2 June, 1654, to a chamber on the first story southwards, in the new building in Middle Temple Lane, on surrender by Mr. Alexander Staples, a Master of the Bench, for life and one assignment after.

Parliament, 3 Nov., 1654.

For the better prevention of losses in rents of chambers and shops, all who hold any such shall give a bond with a penalty proportionable to the rent. No chamber shall be let to any not of the Society.

Messrs. Beare, Sands, and Bayles shall settle with the Steward commons with breakfasts in term time at 7*s.* 6*d.* a week as formerly. On his refusal, they shall procure some of the Bar and under the Bar to survey the market and kitchen, to reduce and keep commons to that rate without farther charge to the House.

Mr. John Bayliff, late Under-Treasurer, shall have liberty to dispose of his chamber over the gate, with an assignment, in regard of his costs in repairs. He shall have Mr. Treasurer's assistance for the recovery of rents due for shops or other things which he holds of the Society by lease.

Mr. John Thacker, a late purchaser of the middle chamber, up one pair of stairs, in the new building last built in Middle Temple Lane, shall have an assignment therein for 63*l.*

Mr. Daniel Earle, having bought the part of his present chamber into which Mr. James Whitlock stands admitted, shall be admitted thereto, and also to the other part formerly bought of Mr. William Whitlocke, for a fine.

Mr. Henry Maydwell, on account of his father's important affairs, is remitted all his vacations and arrears, amounting to 2*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.*, for 2*l.*

Mr. Proby, Common Serjeant, is desired to take care for vindication of this Society and righting of Henery the Porter and Bannister for their imprisonment, by examining all particulars and reporting them.

The disbursements of Mr. Staples, a Master of the Bench, about Mr. Bagshawe's chamber in Essex Court, a Bench Chamber, shall be reimbursed as far as Mr. Treasurer thinks fit. He shall treat with Mr. Staples about his request about the chamber under, and report to the next Parliament.

Mr. Latch shall pay double duties for the consolidating of Mr. Tichborne's chamber. The order made 9 June last shall be entered with that addition.

The seizing of chambers for non-payment of arrears shall be respited to next Parliament, that those who do not pay may be left without excuse.

Jane Mondiford, widow, shall have 40*s.* given her in charity.

William Ball, esq., eldest son of Sir Peter Ball, Treasurer, according to a grant made on 25 Oct., 1650, of the next chamber which fell to the House, shall be admitted into the entire chamber formerly claimed by Edward Pate in Pumpe Court, up two pair of stairs, now in the House's possession, forfeited for non-payment of about 40*l.* arrears, and by his death. His other son, Mr. Goring Ball, shall be admitted for life to the entire cockloft over the said chamber, one part whereof is in the House's possession, and the other in Mr. W.

Glanvill's, on his surrender, as one chamber, as it has but one chimney, and he will repair both parts.

Mr. Job Dighton, a Master of the Bench, shall be admitted into the chamber of Mr. Townesend, lately dead.

Sir Peter Ball shall be admitted into Baron Pepys' chamber in Bricke Court; Mr. George Beare, a Master of the Bench, to Sir Peter Ball's chamber in Pumpe Court.

Mr. Job Dighton is chosen Treasurer.

Mr. Antony Collins, who has part of a chamber in Vine Court, in the old buildings, one pair of stairs high, on the right hand, shall be admitted to the other part on surrender by Mr. Thomas Jenyson, with a fine of five marks for the consolidation.

Mr. John Playford, Clerk of the Temple Church, shall be allowed 3*l.* 5*s.* to make his wages 10*l.* a year, during pleasure.

Admissions:—8 Nov. Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of Lewis Incledon of Braunton, Devon, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Roger, second son of Thomas Jenyns of Hayes, Middlesex, esq., specially; bound with Mr. John Latch, sen., of the Utter Bar and Mr. Robert Henley, jun.; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.* 12 Nov. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of Mullineux Disney of Norton Disney, Lincolnshire, esq., generally; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 13 Nov. Mr. Carew, son and heir-apparent of Carew Reynell of Bensted, Hants, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 18 Nov. Mr. Gilbert Yard of the Utter Bar to the chamber of Mr. William Yeo of the Utter Bar, in Bricke Court, on his surrender; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* 21 Nov. Mr. Thomas, son and heir-apparent of John Rolston of Kenne, Devon, gent., specially; bound with ——; no fine. 22 Nov. Mr. William, second son of Thomas Hodges of Slipton Magna, Gloucestershire, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 2*l.* 20 Nov. Mr. Lawrence, third son of Francis Swanton of the Utter Bar, specially; bound with his father and Mr. William Swanton of the Utter Bar; fine, 3*l.* Mr. Michael, second son of Edward Ernle of Ichillhampton, Wilts, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 22 Nov. Mr. William Ball of the Utter Bar, by an Act of 3 Nov., to Mr. Edward Pate's chamber in Pumpe Court, for life; no fine, being Mr. Treasurer's son. Mr. Goring, second son of Sir Peter Ball, by an Act of 3 Nov., to both parts of a chamber or cockloft in the north-west

corner of Pumpe Court, up three pair of stairs, on surrender by Mr. William Glanville of his part, for life; no fine. 22 Nov. Mr. Frederick Hyde of the Utter Bar to the chamber of Mr. John Norden of the Utter Bar in Bricke Court, a ground chamber, on his surrender; fine, 50*s.* Mr. Antony Collins of the Utter Bar to the chamber of Mr. Thomas Jenyson in Vine Court, on his surrender; fine, 53*s.* 4*d.* 23 Nov. Mr. Waldive, son and heir-apparent of Waldive Willington of Hurley Hall, Warwickshire, esq., specially; bound with his father and Mr. Abraham Gibbons, gent.; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. John Orlibeare to the chamber of Messrs. T. Thynne and D. Williams in the garden, up four pair of stairs, on surrender by the latter; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* Mr. John, second son of John Henshaw of Lewes, Sussex, gent., generally; bound with his father; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 24 Nov. Mr. Hugh, son and heir of Francis Crossing of Oxford, specially; bound with Mr. William Morgan of the Utter Bar and Mr. John Kellond of the Inner Bar; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Antony Collins of the Utter Bar, by an Act of 3 Nov., to both parts of a chamber in the old buildings in Vine Court, up one pair of stairs, on surrender by Mr. Thomas Jenyson of his part, for life; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Parliament, 24 Nov., 1654.

Mr. Treasurer shall look for the order granting Mr. Bayley's shops, that the Masters of the Bench may resolve about his desire for a lease.

All persons, excepting the Lords Commissioners while they please, and Mr. Attorney Hall during his wife's sickness, who shall not remove their wives, women, and families before St. Thomas' day, shall be expelled, and the chambers be forfeited. Any returning shall undergo the same penalty. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Mr. Treasurer shall examine what rent and to whom Mr. Burford paid it for the chamber in Essex Court, being the double chamber belonging to Mr. Phillips and Mr. Chamberlaine; and to deduct what he paid for Mr. Chamberlaine's part to the House from Mr. Chamberlaine's arrears, who is ordered to pay the rest only.

On the suggestion that some have not heard of the former orders for payment of arrears till this term, too late to provide themselves with money, living in the country; it is ordered

that all who shall not pay before the first Parliament of next term shall be denied all abatement, and if the whole is not paid before the second Parliament their chambers shall be seized and immediately disposed of. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

No one called to the Bench as associate shall have a Bench Chamber without special order of Parliament. All persons called to the Bench as Readers, "shall from the time of pay[ment of] their 50*l.* ordered to be paid, and doing the term exercises be complete, and not from their admission into the House, unless by some particular order of Parliament their antiquity be reserved."

Mr. Dighton shall have Mr. Townesend's chamber, Mr. Henley Mr. Dighton's, and Mr. Barker Mr. Henley's.

Mr. John George, a Master of the Bench, shall have the chamber formerly appointed for Mr. Barker, a Master of the Bench, sometime Mr. Hutchins' chamber, being an ancient Bench chamber. Mr. Treasurer is to accommodate Messrs. Swanton and Goodhand elsewhere speedily, that the said chamber may speedily be made ready for Mr. George.

It shall be considered at the first Parliament of next term whether double duties shall be laid upon chambers lately or in future consolidated.

As Mr. Wadlow of "the Divill Taverne" has not stopped up the wall breach, intended by him for a doorplace into Middle Temple Lane, Mr. Treasurer shall forthwith see it firmly walled up, and all the sinks from his house which pass through or into any part of the ground belonging to the Society, strongly made up and stopped. Neither door nor sinks are to be allowed in the future.

The window coming out of Robinson's house into Essex Court shall be forthwith firmly barred or grated up with strong iron bars, as it formerly was. If any of the bars shall be broken and a way made into the court as it hath lately been, the window shall be walled up, for this light and others used by the said house are incroachments.

Mr. Wallrond, who is going to travel, shall have his antiquity of calling to the Bench reserved.

Messrs. Antony Barker and Christopher Turner shall be called to the Bar as Readers.

According to the desires of New Inn, Readers shall be chosen this term.

Mr. Treasurer shall examine the orders concerning the chamber of Messrs. Morgan and Ceely, and present the matter next term.

The following are called to the degree of the Utter Bar:—Messrs. L. Robinson, T. Henshaw, G. Johnson, James Prescott, Mr. M. Cooke, E. Smith.*

George Eales shall be confirmed Puisne Butler in the room of Jeremy, giving security to Mr. Treasurer.

As Mr. G. Yard has purchased Mr. W. Yeo's part of a chamber adjoining to his own, the two parts may be united for a fine.

Mr. Metcalfe, stationer, shall leave the cellar which he holds in the Churchyard by St. Thomas' day, and Mr. Johnson shall have it.

Messrs. Beare, Sandes, Staples, Hoskins, or any three of them, shall audit Mr. Treasurer's account and present it, and the last Treasurer's account also, to the next Parliament.

Sir Peter Ball, Treasurer, and Mr. Dighton, his successor, shall furnish and complete the library according to their judgments.

John Best shall have the place of Henery, the Porter, who from age, sickness, and lameness cannot industriously keep clean the courts, look to the gate and House, and at least once every night walk about the courts and up every stairs to prevent robberies, which have lately been often committed. Henery is therefore dismissed and is to leave the lodge. The late allowance of 10*s.* a week will be continued to him during his disability, and when it ceases on his recovery, he shall have 20*l.* a year for life; in consideration whereof he shall help Best about the gate in the daytime. Both of them are to keep out of the House all vagrant people who cry "milk" or any other thing, not usual and proper to this Society.

Admission:—25 Nov. Mr. Thomas Hall to the chamber of Messrs. Lechmere and M. Malet in Bricke Court, on surrender by the latter; no fine.

Mr. Job Dighton, Treasurer.

Admissions:—25 Nov., 1654. Mr Thomas, son and heir-apparent of William Wheat of Glimpton, Oxfordshire, esq., specially; bound with Mr. Henry Dighton of the Utter Bar and Mr. Nathaniel Brooke of the Inner Bar; no fine, by Mr. Treasurer's favour. Mr. John, first son of Foulke Roberts of Norwitch,

* A word which appears to be "Declares," is added to the names of Robinson and Cooke.

gent., specially; bound with Messrs. Roger and Edward Pepys, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 3*l.* 20 Nov. Mr. John Thacker, by an Act of 3 Nov., to the middle chamber up one pair of stairs in the new building in Middle Temple Lane, for life and one assignment after; fine, paying 60*l.* for the chamber, 2*l.* 10*s.* 27 Nov. Mr. Francis, son and heir of William Withins of Southend, Kent, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Roger, second son of Richard Gillingham of Winborne, Dorset, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Robert, son and heir of Thomas Perry of Kingswood, Wilts, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 28 Nov. Mr. Gilbert Yard of the Utter Bar to the whole of the chamber on the east side of Bricke Court, of which he had one part and Mr. William Yeo of the Utter Bar the other, on his surrender; fine, 3*l.* Mr. Thomas Henshaw to part of a chamber of Mr. John Evelyn of the Inner Bar, on his surrender; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Thomas, son and heir of John Bayles of Wilby, Suffolk, esq., specially; bound with Mr. Bayles, a Master of the Bench, and ——; fine, because he is heir-apparent to the said Mr. Thomas Bayles, 40*s.* 29 Nov. Mr. William, second son of Thomas Adams, esq., late alderman of London, specially; bound with Messrs. John Adam and William Russell; fine, 4*l.* 30 Nov. Mr. Antony Samwell to the chamber of Mr. William Samwell in Middle Temple Hall porch, on his surrender; fine, 2*l.* Mr. Francis, son of William Adams, a Master of the Bench, specially; bound with ——; no fine, being a Bencher's son. 4 Dec. Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of Christopher Wolston of Holne, Devon, gent., specially; bound with Messrs. Gilbert Yard and John Stowell, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 25 Dec. Mr. John Buller, by Acts of 9 Feb., 1637, and 15 May, and 19 June, 1640, and by an assignment of Mr. John Georges, a Master of the Bench, to a chamber on the first pair of stairs in the new building between Middle Temple Lane on the west and Elme Court on the east, for life; fine, 20*s.* 27 Dec. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Bowreman of Brooke, in the Isle of Wight, esq., specially; bound with his father and Mr. D. Williams of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 20 Jan., 1654. Mr. John, third son of Sir John Jacobs of Bromly, Middlesex, knt., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 22 Jan. Mr. Robert, third son of John Scudamore of Kenchurch, Herefordshire, esq.,

specially; bound with his father and ——; fine, 3*l.* 25 Jan. Mr. Abraham, son and heir-apparent of Abraham Chambers of London, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Bligh of Botathan, South Petherwyn, Cornwall, esq., specially; bound with Mr. Sands, a Master of the Bench, and Mr. Gregory Cole of the Utter Bar; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Richard, son and heir-apparent of Richard Marsh of Maydston, Kent, esq., specially; bound with his father; fine, 4*l.* 29 Jan. Mr. Vere Berty, fourth son of Mountague, earl of Linsey, specially; bound with Messrs. William and Sidney Mountague, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 5*l.* Mr. Thomas Medlicott of the Utter Bar to the chamber of Mr. Richard Ferrand in Pumpe Court, on his surrender; fine, 20*s.* 2 Feb. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of William Cutler of Hackney, Middlesex, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Mr. Edward Lowe to the chamber of Mr. John Lowe in Essex Court, on his surrender; fine, 40*s.* Mr. William, son and heir of Edward Dickenson of Bradley, Staffordshire, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* Also to the chamber of Mr. Thomas Hughes of the Utter Bar and Mr. John Walker in Pumpe Court, on surrender by the former; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Lestrange Calthrop of the Utter Bar to the chamber of Mr. Henry Langley, on his surrender; no fine.

Parliament, 2 Feb., 1654.

Mr. John Buller shall be admitted to the chamber of Mr. George, a Master of the Bench, wherein he has an assignment as a builder, for life and one assignment after.

Mr. Bayliffe shall enjoy the shops formerly granted to him for twenty-one years from Michaelmas 1641, without a lease. Mr. Treasurer shall assist him in getting the rents duly paid. By an order of 3 Nov. he shall have power to assign his chamber over the gate for the life of any member of this Society and one assignment after, if assigned by Trinity Term next.

The orders for the removal of women and families shall be duly executed.

Chambers seized for arrears and fit for Bencher's Chambers shall not be sold, but kept for the next Benchers not provided. Mr. Treasurer shall continue getting in the arrears, with power to abate them where he sees cause.

Double chambers consolidated shall pay double duties, besides the usual fines of consolidation, according to the goodness of the chamber.

Mr. Wadlowe's sinks shall be stopped up unless he attends Mr. Treasurer within a fortnight and submits to what rent he shall impose.

Messrs. Swanton and Goodhand shall remove to the old Parliament Chamber or some other before Easter Term, that Mr. George may have their present chamber.

The names pricked by the Masters for a New Inn Reader shall be forthwith sent to them to choose a Reader.

Mr. Morgan's chamber in Middle Temple Lane shall be considered and reported on at next Parliament, and the House's interest preserved in Mr. Morrice Ceely's part.

The conveyances concerning this House and New Inn shall be prepared by next Parliament.

Thomas Lane shall forthwith perfect all his accounts with this House.

Mr. Steward shall deliver the rolls concerning the House in his custody to Mr. Treasurer, because the House has paid for him all or most thereby due, and ought to be reimbursed. The rolls shall be kept so that those who pay may see themselves cut out, and others be assured that they are justly charged.

Those who receive the linen from the Sub-Treasurer or his servant shall give him a receipt and an account thereof, and shall pay for all that is lost without any excuse. As excuses have been untruly made of linen brought to their Masterships' chambers, they forbid any to be brought to their chambers.

Masters of the Bench who have Bench Chambers shall bring in an inventory, under their hands, of all moveables, utensils, and wainscot in and about their chambers. The Sub-Treasurer shall do no work about any of the said chambers without special order (except the head Treasurer's), except glazing, tileing, and flooring.

On the petition of Mr. William Jones, Sub-Treasurer, showing that Mr. Lionell Robinson of the Utter Bar and he had exchanged chambers in the last new buildings in Middle Temple Lane, wherein both of them as builders were admitted with assignments last Michaelmas Term, that their assignments might be continued without fine; Mr. Robinson shall be admitted into Mr. Jones's chamber up two pair of stairs in

the said new buildings for life and one assignment after, and Mr. Abraham Chambers shall be admitted into the chamber formerly Mr. Robinson's up two pair of stairs in the same buildings, for life and one assignment after, without fine.

Mr. Lestrange Calthrop shall be admitted into the chamber which he has bought of Mr. Henry Langley in the Little Court between Pumpe Court and Elme Court, wherein there is an assignment, and where much cost has been laid out in wainscot and otherwise to the future benefit of the House, "besides some late respects by him expressed to this Society, which their Masterships are pleased to take notice of," for life and one assignment after at some low fine,* on his leaving a chamber wherein he has an assignment.

Admissions:—3 Feb., 1654. Edward Lloyd, esq., son and heir-apparent of Sir Edward Lloyd of Berthloyd, Montgomeryshire, knt., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 6 Feb. Mr. Thomas, son and heir of Thomas Chafin, late of Meere, Wilts, D.D., specially; bound with Mr. Frederick Hyde of the Utter Bar and Mr. Edward Lowe; fine, 40*s.* Mr. Alexander Staples of the Utter Bar to the chamber of Mr. Leonard Chamberlaine in Essex Court, on his surrender; no fine. 7 Feb. Mr. Richard, son and heir-apparent of Dr. Richard Love of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, minister, specially; bound with his father and Mr. John Thompson of this Society; fine, 4*l.* 8 Feb. Mr. William, son and heir of Lawrence Foster of Bedford, gent., generally; bound with Mr. John Smith of the Utter Bar; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 9 Feb. Mr. John Barton of the Utter Bar to the chamber of Messrs. Gayus Squire and W. Ayshcombe, both of the Utter Bar, on surrender by the former; fine, 40*s.* Mr. John, second son of Edmond Herne of Garsington, Oxfordshire, clerk, specially; bound with Messrs. William King and Henry Martyn; fine, 4*l.*

Parliament, 9 Feb., 1654.

A study shall be made in the old Parliament Chamber at the House's charge, and Mr. Swanton be removed thither, till another chamber or his own can be got for him; so that Mr. George, a Master of the Bench, may have the Bench Chamber ordered for him with all possible speed.

Rent chambers shall be sold to gentlemen who want them,

* Note added: "Nil, sicut antea. 145."

and in the interim rents improved to advantage the House and to dissuade the growing and inconvenient custom of renting chambers. In future, rent chambers shall not be let but by the year.

Mr. Morrice Ceely's chamber having been seized many years since for great arrears and since disposed of, shall so continue unless Mr. Ceely at or before the first Parliament of next term show good cause to the contrary, and pay all his arrears. He or his agent is to have notice hereof.

The conveyances must be perfected with all possible speed. Sir Peter Ball is asked to see the conveyance from Mr. Wotton's heir executed effectually, and Mr. Fowell shall be spoken with for the said conveyances.

Thomas Lane shall pay to Mr. Jones 58*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.* upon the auditing of his account, give account of all the House's linen, goods, and lumber, and give an inventory thereof and of all the goods which he has disposed of or carried away. An inventory shall also be made of all the utensils, plate, writings, and goods now remaining in the House.

William Lane, the Steward, shall immediately bring in to the Treasurer the arrears rolls, and books thereof, and loose sheets and papers concerning his or the House's accounts, by to-morrow night.

The ancient order of 1 Eliz. prohibiting one member of the Society being of counsel against another in any suit or cause according to the limitations thereof, shall be fixed upon the screen. The order is here entered again for the more ready finding thereof than in the old book.

"Ad Parliamentum tentum ibidem 28 Aprill: 1 Eliz.

"Ad hoc parliamentum ordinatum est quod nullus de eodem Hospitio voluntarie sit de consilio versus aliquem alium de Hospitio, dummodo ipse habuerit aliquem de eodem Hospitio cum eo retentum, nisi sitt consanguinitatis causa, vel alia justa causa rationabili."

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Hussey, George, Solme, Sandes Hoskins, Staples, or any four of them, are to call before them Messrs. Rawlins and Lechmere to know why they were of counsel against Mr. Dighton, Treasurer, contrary to the said order.

Richard Ellis, recommended by Mr. Treasurer as a washpot in place of John Best, is confirmed.

No man shall be called to the degree of the Utter Bar until he has been seven years of this Society and performed exercises. He must attend the Masters of the Bench, or most of them in town, with a certificate under the Sub-Treasurer's hand that he has been his full time, done exercises, has a chamber, and discharged all duties. This order is to be fixed on the screen every term.

Mr. William Whitlock, second son of Lord Whitlock, shall be called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

No man called to the Bar may for three years after such call, nor until he has performed or compounded and paid for, his vacations and assignments, sell or assign his chambers, the better to prevent the visible abuse to the House by many who get a chamber for some few months till they be called and then sell them, and neither perform nor compound for their vacations and assignments.

Admissions:—6 Feb., 1654. Mr. Thomas, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Manley of Westminster, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 2*l*. 9 Feb. Mr. John Hill, at the nomination of —— Clowes, citizen and milliner of London, administrator of the estate of Franklin Lambe of the Middle Temple, gent., deceased intestate, to his chamber in the first staircase in Pumpe Court, between that Court and Middle Temple Lane, in the new building there, up one pair of stairs; fine, 2*l*. 10*s*. 10 Feb. Mr. James Adams to Mr. Lewknor's chamber in Inner Temple Lane, up one pair of stairs, in his place; fine, 36*l*. Mr. John, second son of Philip Nye of Westminster, gent., specially; bound with Richard Cutts and William Kinge, esqs., both of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l*. 13 Feb. Mr. Samuel, son and heir-apparent of Samuel Harsnet of Fransham Magna, Norfolk, esq., specially; bound with Lestrange Calthrop, esq., and Arthur Sparke, gent.; fine, 4*l*. 14 Feb. Mr. Charles, second son of Dabridgcourt Ward of Gilsborough, Northants, gent., specially; bound with his father and Mr. Francis Harvy of the Utter Bar; fine, 3*l*. Also to the chamber of Messrs. Henry Proctor and Henry Lucas, both of the Utter Bar, in Elme Court, on surrender by the latter; fine, 40*s*. 23 Feb. Mr. A. Chambers to a chamber on Mr. L. Robinson's surrender, by an Act of 2 Feb., for life and one assignment; no fine. 4 May, 1655. Mr. William, second son of Sir Charles

Harbord of Moore, Herts, knt., specially; bound with Richard Newman, esq., and Mr. Hugh Tent, both of this House; fine, 3*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* 7 May. Mr. Benjamin, son and heir of Benjamin Portlock, late of London, gent., specially; bound with William Noyes and Thomas Vesey, both of this Society, gents.; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. George, son and heir-apparent of John Booth of ——, Cheshire, esq., specially; bound with his father and George Warberton of Arley, Cheshire, esq.; fine, 4*l.* 11 May. Mr. John Rivers into the chamber of his late father, Mr. Marcellus Rivers, an ancient of the Utter Bar, deceased, in Inner Temple Lane, up one pair of stairs, as his father's administrator; no fine. Mr. Lestrange Calthrop, by an Act of 2 Feb. last, to a chamber in the Little Court on the south-east corner thereof, on the first story, on surrender by Mr. Henry Langley, for life and one assignment after; fine, 40*s.* Mr. Henry Dighton of the Utter Bar to the whole chamber of Mr. Thomas Kitchell, void by his death; no fine, being Mr. Treasurer's son. Mr. Nicholas, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Philpott of Peterchurch, Herefordshire, gent., specially; bound with Messrs. Francis Withins and William Gwillim, both of the Inner Bar; fine, having been for fifteen years of the Society of New Inn and done public exercises there, 40*s.* Also to the north end of the chamber of Messrs. John Latch of the Utter Bar and Michell Malet, in Essex Court, up two pair of stairs, on surrender by the former; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. Edward Mainewareinge to the chamber of Mr. John Stephens, a Master of the Bench, between Vine Court and Little Court, up four pair of stairs, surrendered to him by Mr. Richard Marsh, by order of 4 Feb., 1652, on surrender by Mr. Stephens; fine, 20*s.* Roger Norwich, esq., son and heir-apparent of Sir John Norwich of Brainton, Northants, knt. and bart., specially; bound with William Thursby and Andrew Noell, both of the Inner Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Francis Jermy to the chamber of Messrs. John Allen, Edward Strood, and Richard Greene, between the Pump and Elme Courts, on surrender by Mr. Allen; fine, 20*s.* Mr. George, son and heir of Richard Etkins of Kensington, Middlesex, gent., deceased, generally; bound with ——; fine, 40*s.*

Parliament, 11 May, 1655.

Though Mr. H. Painter's part of a chamber in Brick Court is seized for discontinuance and arrears; as his discontinuance was owing to his lameness, he shall be allowed 10*l.* out of the sum for which the chamber will be sold.

It is left to Mr. Treasurer either to sell, or to readmit on fines and payment of arrears, to the chambers seized by the order of 24 Nov. last. The seizure of Mr. Morrice Ceely's chamber is confirmed.

The Sub-Treasurer shall be discharged his former account by Sir Peter Ball; and every account hereafter by the Treasurer's subscribing the allowance of the account, which subscription shall be given upon the counterpart of the account, and shall be a full *quietus est* to the Sub-Treasurer, William Jones of the Utter Bar. Sir Peter Ball's account having been perused by the auditor, is confirmed.

The Sub-Treasurer shall see built or repaired certain ruinous chambers in the Parson's Buildings in the Churchyard, and another ruinous chamber in Vine Court, late Mr. E. Pates', and shall raise them both one or more stories if possible.

Thomas Lane's petition shall be considered after he has obeyed the order of 9 Feb. last.

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Beare, Bagshawe, Eltonhead, Solme, Sands, and Hoskins shall consider of the library keeper.

Mr. Thomas Henshawe shall have the chamber lately purchased by him from Mr. G. Evelyn united to his own, paying double duties and a fine.

Admissions:—13 May. Mr. Robert Offley to the chamber of Messrs. William Cox and John Parker, both of the Utter Bar, in Inner Temple Lane, on surrender by the latter; fine, 1*l.* Mr. Stewart, fifth son of Sir Humphrey Forster of Aldermaston, Berks, bart., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Thomas Williams of the Utter Bar to the whole chamber of Mr. Robert Wilson, on the first story over the great gate, on his surrender; fine, 3*l.* Mr. John, son of Mr. Fowell, a Master of the Bench, to his father's chamber in Essex Court, on his surrender; no fine, his father being a Master of the Bench. 14 May. Mr. George, son and heir-apparent of Mr. Richard Solme, a Master of the Bench, specially; bound with ——; no fine. Mr. Alan Carr of

the Utter Bar to the chamber of Messrs. John Ratcliffe, William Jones, and Thomas Higgons in the Little Court, up three pair of stairs, on surrender by Mr. Jones; no fine, the assignment being extinct. 18 May. Mr. Vere Bertie, by an Act of 10 Feb., 1631, to a part of a chamber on the north side of Pumpe Court, on the third story, on surrender by Mr. Thomas Wivill of the Utter Bar, for life and one assignment after; fine, by the said Act and another of 9 Feb., 1626, 20*s.* Mr. John Dodderidge of the Utter Bar to the whole chamber of Mr. Foulke Lucy in Middle Temple Lane, on his surrender; fine, 2*l.* 19 May. Mr. Edward, son and heir of Thomas Barnard of London, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Mr. John Parker of the Inner Bar and Henry Sumner of London, goldsmith; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 21 May. Mr. Simon, son and heir-apparent of Humphrey Burton of Coventry, gent., specially; bound with his father and Mr. Henry Dighton of the Utter Bar; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Griffith, son and heir-apparent of Watkin Kyffin of Glascoed, Denbighshire, gent., specially; bound with his father and Edward Lloyd, esq., of the Inner Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 25 May. Mr. Thomas, second son of John Freake of Shrowton, Dorset, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. Ralf Freake and John Rieves, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* Also to the whole chamber of Mr. John Gayer in Elme Court, up two pair of stairs, on his surrender; fine, 3*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Parliament, 25 May, 1655.

One or more suits shall be commenced against Mr. Thomas Lane, servant to the late Sub-Treasurer, for 58*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* due upon the foot of his account, and for rents, goods, and utensils of the House come to his hands and not accounted for.

Messrs. Beare, Sands, and Fowell shall treat and at next Parliament report their debate with the three Masters of the Inner House about the right of an upper loft or garret in the hither Churchyard, and of their desired exchange of a chamber in the back little Churchyard. They shall let them know the House's resolution of setting up the post at Middle Temple Gate, the want whereof is greatly prejudicial to the students with chambers upon the lane, and wears the lane and bridge by unlimited use of both by hackney coaches

and carts of all sorts with commodities, "yea dunge sent by water," and is a stop and danger to passengers, especially in term time, which they resolve to reform, with a due respect and readiness to all coaches of persons of quality and of the House.

Mr. Thomas Manley, a member of this House, shall be keeper of the library, with 20*l.* a year, and a chamber under that of Mr. Dighton, the present Treasurer. He is to attend from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. and from 3 P.M. to 6 P.M. in summer and from 8 A.M. to 11 A.M. and from 2 P.M. to 5 P.M. in winter. He shall give security for safe-keeping the books and discharge of his trust. The sweeper of the Parliament room and the other by it is to sweep and keep clean the library and books. The satisfaction of Mr. Moodyman and the other gentleman who did "catologize" the library is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Bayles shall have the use of Mr. Painter's chamber, seized for arrears, paying him 10*l.*, to be restored to Mr. Bayles when he can be better provided for and restore the chamber to the House.

Mr. Leach's petition shall be considered by Mr. Treasurer, and his arrears and fine settled, to be reported at next Parliament for confirmation.

The value of John Best's place as Porter shall be examined and reported by Mr. Treasurer.

At the request of Sir Thomas Malett, who has been a Judge and Bencher, his son, Mr. Michell Malett, is of grace called to the Utter Bar.

Admissions:—26 May. Mr. Mildmay, son and heir of Thomas Thornehurst of Fryer Maine, Dorset, gent., specially; bound with Mr. John Ryve and ——; fine, 4*l.* 28 May. Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of William Barrett of the Middle Temple, esq., specially; bound with his father and Mr. John Bayliffe, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 3*l.* 6 June. Mr. Francis Dove to the whole chamber of Mr. John Shadwell of the Utter Bar, in Pumpe Court, up four pair of stairs, on his surrender; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 21 June. Mr. Robert, son and heir-apparent of Henry Mynne of St. Margaretts Elketts Hall, Suffolk, gent., specially; bound with Messrs. Thomas Proby and Paul Bowes, both of the Inner Bar; fine, 4*l.* 22 June. Mr. Edmund, son and heir-apparent of Edmund Jodrell of

Yeardsley, Cheshire, esq., specially; bound with Mr. John Entwisle of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Thomas, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Siderfin of Carhampton, Somerset, esq., specially; bound with his father and Henry Dighton of the Utter Bar; fine, 3*l.* Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of John Guyse of Gloucester, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. Robert Scudamore and William Hodges, both of the Inner Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Thomas Wheate to the chamber of Messrs. John Povey and Giles Hungerforde, both of the Utter Bar, in the Garden Buildings, up three pair of stairs, on surrender by the latter; fine, 20*s.* Mr. Nicholas Archbold to the chamber of Mr. Edward Keate in Middle Temple Lane, over against the Hall Court, the third story, on his surrender; fine, 20*s.* Mr. Griffith Kyffin to the chamber of Messrs. Henry Barker, John Derham, and John Parker, "now by his non-acceptance in the House," in the Little Court, up four pair of stairs, on surrender by Mr. Derham; fine, 20*s.* Mr. William Rushton, jun., to the chamber of Messrs. Henry Painter and William Rushton, sen., his father, a ground chamber in Bricke Court, on surrender by the former; fine, 2*l.* Mr. William Noyes to a third part of the chamber of Messrs. Richard Fitch and Robert Stratford in the Churchyard, a ground chamber, now made a treble chamber, on their surrender; fine, 40*s.* Mr. John Herne, on the nomination of Mr. H. Martin and the death of Mr. F. Rowland, to part of a ground chamber in Middle Temple Lane; fine, 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Parliament, 22 June, 1655.

Mr. Moodyman shall have 25*l.* for "catologizeinge" the library, since Mr. Treasurer, to whom it was referred, cannot please him otherwise.

Mr. Hinde shall have 10*l.* for some sermons bestowed upon the Society, but not to be a precedent. Sir Peter Ball is desired to speak with Mr. Attorney about the late collection proposed by some.

Mr. Agar shall have liberty to build the plot of ground in Essex Court next the tavern, first agreeing on the terms with Mr. Treasurer or Messrs. Eltonhead, Sands, Whitmore, and the Sub-Treasurer, who are appointed a committee to view and contract for it.

Admissions:—27 June. Mr. William Barrett, jun., by an Act of 2 Feb., 1654, and on surrender by Mr. John Bayliffe, one of the most ancient of the Utter Bar, and late Sub-Treasurer, to his part of a chamber on the second story over Middle Temple Gate, with the leads immediately over, according to an admission of 9 Nov., 1638, for life and one assignment after; no fine. 28 June. Mr. Thomas Sturges to the chamber of Messrs. E. Fleetwood and J. Noble, in Elme Court, up four pair of stairs, on his surrender; fine, 2*l.* 29 June. Mr. Edward Smith, sen., of the Utter Bar, to the whole chamber of Mr. R. Honywood, in Inner Temple Lane, up two pair of stairs, on his surrender; fine, 2*l.* Mr. Vincent, third son of Sir Thomas Evelyn of Longe Ditton, Surrey, knt., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Paul Bowes to the chamber of Messrs. Samuel Trist and John Buller, both of the Utter Bar, in Elme Court, up three pair of stairs, on surrender by the latter; fine, 3*l.* Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of Antony Blagrave of Bunnish, Berks, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. John Fowell and Thomas Wheate of the Inner Bar; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Ambrose, son of Benjamin Randall of Cherriton, Somerset, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.*

Parliament, 29 June, 1655.

Mr. Robert Gardiner of the Utter Bar may set a pale before his window in Essex Court, for better securing it, so it be but 2½ ft. from the wall and the usual height.

Mr. Treasurer shall examine Mr. John Cox's petition about his and Mr. Collett's chambers, and report to the next Parliament.

The exchange at the desire of the Masters of the Inner House, of a chamber in the back Churchyard, sometime Mr. George Dickenson's, for one in the hither Churchyard, sometime the Minister's or Master's chamber, is confirmed. The Masters of this Society accept for theirs, though doubtful to whom it did belong, the garret or cockloft over the chamber of Messrs. Archbold and Howland of this House, the garret being so ruined that it damnifies all the rooms under it to the ground, which rooms indubitably belong to this House. They will rebuild it. Their Masterships of the Inner House in lieu of the said doubtful cockloft shall have the studies at the back of Messrs. Archbold and Howland's chamber, and so shall

build upright, provided it be of no more loss to this Society than of those studies.

On the petition of Mr. William Leach, sen., he shall continue in the ground chamber between Pumpe and Vine Courts, as a sole chamber, for his life only, but afterwards to be a double chamber; because he has had no chamber-fellow since it was built, was a sufferer in the building, has paid all his arrears without abatement, and consents for such consolidation to extinguish his assignment as a builder in the single part for which he paid his 40*l.* and lost his old chamber.

Mr. Thomas Lane, the late Sub-Treasurer's man, shall bring in the moneys in arrear by his account, with all goods and utensils belonging to the House in his custody, or disposed of with his privity. Their Masterships may then consider some abatement.

Admissions:—2 July. Mr. Henry, son and heir of John Honnor of Covent Garden, gent., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. William Ruston and John Howkins, both of the Inner Bar, gents.; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Edward Wallis of the Utter Bar to the chamber of Messrs. John Stowell of the Utter Bar, and Edward Smith, jun., in Elme Court, up one pair of stairs, on surrender by the latter; fine, 4*l.* 7 July. Mr. James, son and heir-apparent of James Scambler of Norwitch, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 11 July. Mr. Edwin, son and heir-apparent of Gerrard Skrimshere of Aqualatt, Staffordshire, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 22 Sept. Mr. Thomas, eldest son of Henry Gilborne of Woollwich, Kent, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.* 26 Oct. Mr. Francis Adams to the chamber of his father, Mr. William Adams, a Master of the Bench, in Inner Temple Lane, one pair of stairs high, on his surrender; fine, 20*s.* Mr. William Stephens to the chamber of Mr. John Latch of the Utter Bar, in Essex Court, the old brick building, one pair of stairs over Mr. Willoughby's chamber, on his death; fine, 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* 31 Oct. Mr. Richard, son and heir of John Elmes of Plumpton, Northants, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. William Lisle and Thomas Trott; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Francis, third son of Sir Pawlet St. John of Warden, Bedfordshire, K.B., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 1 Nov. Mr. John, son of Mr. William Barker, a Master of the Bench, to his father's part of a chamber in Essex Court, up

one pair of stairs, with the chamber over, on his surrender; fine, 20*s.* Mr. John Troughton to the chamber of Messrs. John Ratcliffe, Ab. Carr, and Thomas Higgons, in the Little Court, up three pair of stairs and a half, on surrender by Mr. Higgons; no fine, being the extinguishment of an assignment.

Parliament, 2 Nov., 1655.

Mr. Collett, a Master of the Bench, shall enjoy his part of a chamber in Essex Court. Mr John Cox's pretension to the other part is nulled, and it shall be seized, having fallen to the House by the death of Mr. Charles Cox, in commemoration of whose merits from this Society their Masterships will find out another way to gratify his nephew, Mr. Henry Cox.

Mr. Nicholas Lechmere, Attorney of the Duchy of Lancaster, is called to the Bench, and Mr. Edward Smith. A *solvo* is granted Mr. John Cox.

Widow Alt shall enjoy her husband's shop (repairing it) during pleasure, at the present rent. When next to be disposed of, Richard Badely's petition shall be considered.

Mr. Chute is chosen Treasurer. He is desired to take care that chambers falling to the House, which he thinks fit for Benchers' Chambers, may be reserved for Benchers not provided for; and that the little room under Mr. Talbot Pepy's chamber be disposed for Mr. Bayles' use.

Mr. Swanton shall remove from the Bench Chamber where he now is before the next Parliament, that Mr. George may enjoy it entirely; in default, to be expelled. Mr. Swanton may lay his records in the lower Parliament Chamber, the Steward removing to his former chamber.

Mr. Reynolds shall be moved to exchange his present chamber under Mr. Chute's for that in which Mr. Beare now is. Mr. Beare is desired to accept his former chamber.

This order was vacated at the Parliament of 23 Nov., 1655.

Admissions:—4 Nov. Mr. Thomas Henshaw of the Utter Bar to Mr. G. Evelyn's part of a chamber in Middle Temple Lane, on the fourth story, on his surrender; fine, 20*s.* 5 Nov. Mr. Francis, eldest son of Robert Barncham of Boughton Mountchelsey, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. Andrew and Robert Henley, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 3*l.* 6 Nov. Mr. Edward Smith, lately called to the degree of the Utter Bar, to the sole chamber of Mr. Robert Gayer in Elme

Court, the south-east corner, up three pair of stairs, on his surrender; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Thomas Tiffin to a third part of the chamber of Messrs. Richard Fitch and Robert Stratford, in the Churchyard, a ground chamber, on their surrender; fine, 40*s.* Mr. Richard Hall to a third part of the same chamber; fine, 40*s.* 8 Nov. Mr. Richard, eldest son of John Freeman of Chelmesford, Essex, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Francis Bramston and Richard Freeman, his uncle and guardian; fine, 3*l.* 9 Nov. Mr. Edward, son of Edward Rothwell of Hull, Lincolnshire, gent., specially; bound with his father and Mr. Michell Malett of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10 Nov. Mr. William, eldest son of Edward Say of Woodstock, Oxfordshire, esq., specially; bound with Mr. Robert Gardiner of the Utter Bar; fine, 2*l.* Also to the chamber of Messrs. William and Edward Say in Bricke Court, on the death of the latter, in accomplishment of his assignment; fine, 20*s.* Mr. William Lisle to the chamber of Messrs. John Browne and John Shapleigh in Elme Court, up four pair of stairs, on the death of the former, in accomplishment of his assignment, on surrender by John Harris, husband of Easter Harris, sister and sole executrix of John Browne's will; fine, by an Act of 9 Feb., 1637, 20*s.* 13 Nov. Mr. Richard Dawlman to the chamber of Mr. Henry Dighton of the Utter Bar, in Brick Court, a ground chamber, on his surrender; fine, 2*l.* Mr. Stewart Forster to the chamber of Mr. William Waude, in the new building in Middle Temple Lane, the third story, on his surrender; fine, 50*s.* Mr. James, eldest son of James Beverley of Clapill, Bedfordshire, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. Henry Proby of the Utter Bar and Thomas Proby; fine, 4*l.* 14 Nov. Mr. George Evelyn, jun., to the chamber of Messrs. Thomas Thynne and John Orlibeare, in the Garden Buildings, up four pair of stairs, on surrender by the latter; fine, 20*s.* 16 Nov. Mr. Nathaniel, son and heir-apparent of Arthur Loane of London, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 20 Nov. Mr. William, second son of John Blomer of Hatherup, Gloucestershire, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. Nicholas Philpot and Henry Salmon; fine, 5*l.* 21 Nov. Mr. Thomas Chafin to the chamber of Messrs. Robert Grove and Edward Lowe at the north end of the old brick buildings in Essex Court, up three pair of stairs, on

surrender by the former; fine, 40*s.* Mr. Rowland, son and heir-apparent of Rowland Whiddon of Whiddon, Devon, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 21 Nov. Mr. Robert, son and heir-apparent of Robert Napper of the Middle Temple, esq., specially; bound with his father; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.* Also to his father's chamber on the south side of Vine Court, up three pair of stairs, on his surrender; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Walter, youngest son of Walter Overbury of Barton on the Heath, Warwickshire, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. John Watson and Nicholas Overbury; fine, 2*l.* 22 Nov. Mr. Charles Perrott to the chamber of Messrs. William Allport of the Utter Bar and Thomas Allicock, in Middle Temple Lane, on the staircase next the great gate, the first story, on surrender by the former; fine, 40*s.* Mr. George, youngest son of Mr. George Beare, a Master of the Bench, specially; bound with ——; no fine, being a Bencher's son. Mr. William, first son of William Symon of Treneglas, Cornwall, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.*

Parliament, 23 Nov., 1655.

On the motion of some Masters of the Bench and Mr. Collett's desire, Mr. Henry Cox shall be admitted to Mr. Charles Cox's part of a ground chamber in Essex Court, fallen to the House by his death, in commemoration of his uncle's merits, paying a fine.

Mr. Swanton is expected to remove his records from the old Parliament Chamber by next term.

Mr. Staples is to be satisfied with the new building in Essex Court as not prejudicial to him.

Gentlemen who have contracted with Mr. Treasurer or the Sub-Treasurer for chambers in the late built two stories and a cockloft in Vine Court, and also in the three stories and a cockloft in the Churchyard, shall have an assignment in their chambers. Mr. John Werden or any other upon his nomination, by paying forty marks for the chamber next over Mr. Walcott's and adjoining a cockloft lately held by Mr. John Barker at 40*s.* rent, now very ruinous, and rebuilding at his own charge the cockloft into a handsome room or rooms, shall enjoy the cockloft and room together for life and one assignment after. They shall all be admitted by Mr. Treasurer, paying only 20*s.* on the last assignment.

On reading Mr. R. Hyder's petition, the order of 4 May, 1649, for making the partition between his and Mr. E. Andrew's chamber, shall stand.

On Mr. Collins' petition, alleging a prejudice by the buildings in Vine Court, they shall be viewed by Mr. Chute, Treasurer, and reported on at next Parliament.

Mr. Chute shall present the thanks of the Society to the Marquis of Hertford and his lady for their favours touching the new buildings in Essex Court.

Lord Fines, one of the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal, is called to the Bench without paying 50*l.*

The question about Mr. Hall's 50*l.*, lately demanded for his call to the Bench, is laid aside at present.

Messrs. Beare, Sands, Solme, and Fowell are desired to audit Mr. Dighton's accounts.

The following are called to the degree of the Utter Bar:—Messrs. Fr. Crane, George Evelyn, Fr. Duffeild, Mat. Palmer, Richard Dawlman, Thomas Allicock, George Lee, John Fowell.

Admissions:—25 Nov. Mr. Thomas Walcott of the Utter Bar, by an Act of 23 Nov., to a chamber in the new building on the east side of the Churchyard, on the second story, next over Mr. T. Gape's chamber, late in possession of Messrs. J. Howland and R. Archbold, for life and one assignment after; fine, 50*l.* Mr. James Buck, by an Act of 23 Nov., to a chamber, up three pair of stairs, in the new building over the Cloisters, and into the garret or cockloft immediately over it, for life and one assignment after; fine, 115*l.* Mr. Henry Dighton, by an Act of 23 Nov., to a chamber in the new building over the Cloisters, up two pair of stairs, for life and one assignment after; fine, 50*l.* Mr. Thomas Henshawe, by an Act of 11 May, 1655, to Mr. George Evelyn's part of a chamber in Middle Temple Lane, the fourth story, adjoining his own, on his surrender, for life; fine, 20*s.* Mr. George Booth to the chamber of Messrs. W. Turton and J. Case, a ground chamber in Essex Court, on the forfeiture of the former for discontinuance, paying 23*l.*, half to Mr. Turton for his right, and half for arrears and fine.

Mr. Chaloner Chute, Treasurer.

Admissions:—27 Nov., 1655. Mr. Francis, second son of Sir Dudley North, K.B., of Catledge, Cambridgeshire, specially; bound with his father and Mr. Cal. Chute, jun., of the Utter Bar; no fine, being Mr. Treasurer's nephew. 28 Nov. Mr. Francis, eldest son of Thomas Morgan of Kingthorpe, Northants, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. F. Bagshawe and D. Williams, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. James, eldest son of —— Carlisle of Petersam, Surrey, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* 1 Dec. Mr. Samuel, eldest son of Thomas Kecke of the Middle Temple, esq., specially; bound with his father and Mr. R. Ruddiard; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* Also to the chamber of Mr. R. Thorowgood of the Utter Bar, deceased, on the east side of Pumpe Court, a ground chamber, on surrender by Mr. M. Codd, executor of Mr. Thorowgood's will; fine, being the extinguishment of his assignment, 20*s.* 12 Dec. Mr. Robert, eldest son of Robert Edwards of London, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 2*l.* 15 Jan., 1655. Mr. John, third son of Sir Nicholas Lestrange of Hunstanton, Norfolk, bart., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* 1 Feb. Mr. Francis, son and heir-apparent of William Crane of Woodrising, Norfolk, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. Morris Tresham and Francis Crane, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 5*l.* Mr. John, second son of Zouch Tate of Delapre, Northants, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. Tresham and Crane; fine, 5*l.* Mr. Robert, son and heir-apparent of John Markham of the parish of St. Clement Daines, Middlesex, esq., specially; bound with his father and Mr. Henry Maydwell of the Utter Bar; fine, 3*l.*

Parliament, 1 Feb., 1655.

Mr. Swanton's removal from the lower Parliament Chamber is deferred till next term.

Mr. Anthony Collins shall have an assignment in his chamber for 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, for expense laid out on it.

For prevention of the growing damage to the Society by assignments in chambers, whereof one-fifth are now assigned, no assignment shall henceforth be granted unless for contribution as a builder, as formerly accustomed, or other special reason.

The debate concerning Mr. Selden's books, and the building of a library for them, is adjourned to next Parliament.

Messrs. Serjeant Bernard, Serjeant Maynard, Lechmere, Turner, and such other as Mr. Treasurer shall think fit, shall be retained for the House in the suits against the old Porter, Henry Alnatt, and Ralph Bannister, another servant of the House.

On Mr. Hyder's petition, Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Hoskins shall view the complained of division of his and Mr. Andrew's chambers, peruse the admissions and former orders, and report to the next Parliament.

The order that Mr. Bailes should have the small room under Mr. Talbott Pepys' chamber is confirmed.

Petitions shall be brought to Mr. Treasurer or Sub-Treasurer the day before a Parliament.

Sinks passing through any part of the House shall be stopped, except those of least inconvenience, which are only to be continued at a rent.

Admissions:—2 Feb., 1655. Mr. Humphry, second son of Bernard Hyde of Boreplace, Kent, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. T. Walcott and H. Dighton, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 5*l.* Mr. Thomas Tresham to the chamber of Messrs. F. Bagshawe and E. Nicholls, in Inner Temple Lane, up three pair of stairs, on surrender by the former; fine, 20*s.* 7 Feb. Mr. Thomas, second son of Sir Thomas Cotton of Connington, Hunts, bart., specially; bound with his father and Mr. John Bernard of the Utter Bar; fine, 5*l.* 11 Feb. Mr. James, second son of Henry Foster of Hemington, Somerset, gent., generally; bound with ——; fine, 2*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. George Tresham to the chamber of Messrs. E. Nicholls and T. Tresham in Inner Temple Lane, up three pair of stairs, on surrender by the former; fine, 40*s.* Mr. George, eldest son of William Spry of Blisland, Cornwall, gent., specially; bound with his father and Mr. H. Proctor of the Utter Bar; fine, 5*l.* Mr. Robert, son and heir of Henry Seymer of Hanford, Dorset, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. John Rives and George Rives, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 5*l.*

Parliament, 8 Feb., 1655.

Though the Inner Temple once contributed when Middle Temple Lane was wholly new paved; they shall no more be called upon to contribute anything to late or future repairs or pavement thereof, lest they pretend an interest.

Thanks shall be given to Messrs. Serjeant Maynard, Serjeant Twisden, Christopher Turner, and Wilde for their help in the suit against Henry Annett, late Porter. They are desired to continue their kindness in obtaining arrest of judgment and new trial, or what they think fit in that and other suits.

The old and good orders, especially that made by his late Majesty, the council and judges in 1635, concerning the restraint of strangers from lodging in this House, shall be strictly put in execution.

Rent chambers shall either be sold, according to former orders, or the rents raised, as Mr. Treasurer shall think fit.

Mr. Hall shall be reminded of the former orders and his promise to remove his wife and family.

The Head Butler's petition for improvement of his allowance, is referred to Mr. Treasurer to report to next Parliament. In the interim, he shall be given 5*l.*

Mr. W. Stephens shall be admitted to the Bench as a complete Bencher, on paying his 50*l.* He is expected to sit the moots and perform all other duties as a Bencher.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to use his discretion for repairing or rebuilding the brick staircase in Vine Court at the House's charge; and to rebuild the old decayed chambers at the north end of the Cloister at his own or the House's charge at the choice of Parliament, according to his own offer.

Mr. Treasurer, Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Sands, Hoskins, Adams, Eltonhead, Turner, and Smith, or any four, are desired to treat with the executors of Mr. Selden concerning his library; building a place for it, and getting an account what the books are.

Admissions:—12 Feb., 1655. Mr. William Leach, sen., by an Act of 29 June, to the other part of his present ground chamber, to which he was admitted as a builder, on the south side of the passage from Pumpe Court to Vine Court, this union being in lieu of his assignment in his own part claimed, for life; fine, 20*s.* 22 Feb. Mr. Francis North, on the

surrender of George Maplisden, executor of George Maplisden of the Utter Bar, of his part of a chamber in the Little Court, up three pair of stairs and a half, southwards, next to Mr. E. Pepys' chamber, for life; fine, 20*s.* 23 Feb. Mr. Thomas Cotton to the chamber of Messrs. M. Tresham and F. Crane, both of the Utter Bar, up two pair of stairs in the brick building over the Cloisters, on surrender by the former; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. Anthony Collins of the Utter Bar, by an Act of 1 Feb., to his whole chamber on the south side of Vine Court, up one pair of stairs, eastward, for life and one assignment; fine, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Mr. Nathaniel, son and heir of Arthur Browne, of the precincts of the College of Worcester, gent., deceased, generally; bound with Messrs. J. Walker of the Utter Bar and W. Pawlett; fine, having a certificate that he was formerly admitted of Graye's Inn, 24 May, 1654, 2*l.* 26 March, 1656. Mr. Thomas, eldest son of John Berry of Eastley, Devon, esq., generally; bound with Messrs. John and George Beare; fine, 2*l.*

Parliament, 2 May, 1656.

On Mr. Chr. Turner's report, the suits concerning the Porter and Bannister shall be composed as Sergeant Maynard and Mr. Turner think fit.

Possession shall be taken of Sir Thomas Clerk's chamber before next Parliament; and his family removed, and no dilatory answers as before admitted. The arrears of rent and duties, 30*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.*, shall be recovered and the chamber disposed of.

Mr. Hall's order for removal of his family shall be respited till next term, on his allegation of his own debility necessitating the presence of his wife.

The annual improvement of the allowance of Mr. Chapman, the Head Butler, is referred to Messrs. Bagshawe, Dighton, and Hoskins to report next Parliament.

The bonds of those who practise as attorneys or common solicitors since admitted, contrary to their bonds, shall be sued as Mr. Treasurer shall think fit. The penalty of bonds of admittance in future shall be 100*l.* In future the chambers of those who practise thus, shall be seized as well as their bonds sued. Meanwhile all attorneys or solicitors are to sit at one table in the Hall by themselves. Their Masterships will have due respect to grave and able attorneys of this House,

who have been of long continuance. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Messrs. Andrews and Hider are to be warned to attend next Parliament, which will hear them and Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Hoskin's report, and settle their differences.

Mr. Attorney Lechmere shall have Mr. Henley's Bench Chamber as a favour.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to view the fitness of Mr. Attorney Lechmere's chamber to be consolidated with Mr. Hall's part, who desires to buy Mr. Attorney Lechmere's part and build a six foot story in lieu thereof without assignment.

Mr. Treasurer shall take speedy course for getting in arrears. Those whose arrears are above 10*l.* and do not pay them before 10 June, shall forfeit their chambers. The bonds of those whose arrears are under 10*l.*, are to be sued immediately after 10 June. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Admissions:—3 May. Mr. Thomas Smith to the chamber of Messrs. W. Ford and John Clobery, in Vine Court, up four pair of stairs, on surrender by the former; no fine. Charles Heyden, esq., son and heir of Sir John Heyden, late of Baconsthorpe, Norfolk, knt., specially; bound with Mr. Bailes, a Master of the Bench, and ——; fine, 5*l.* Mr. William, eldest son of Havylands Hiley of Poole, merchant, generally; bound with his father and Mr. William Constantine of the Utter Bar; fine, 3*l.* 6 May. Mr. Thomas, eldest son of Thomas Urry of Gattcombe, in the Isle of Wight, esq., specially; bound with Dr. William Stephens and Mr. John Ryves of the Utter Bar; fine, 6*l.* Mr. William, eldest son of Dr. William Stephens, a Master of the Bench, generally; bound with ——; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* 7 May. Mr. Daniel, eldest son of William Ward of Little Houghton, Northants, esq., specially; bound with his father and Mr. William Hatton of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* Mr. John, eldest son of Peter Dodsworth of Pettworth, Sussex, gent., specially; bound with Messrs. H. Peckham and J. Paine, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 5*l.* 8 May. Gabriel, son and heir-apparent of Sir Michael Livesey of the Isle of Sheppey, Kent, bart., specially; bound with his father and Mr. E. Ady of the Utter Bar; fine, 5*l.* 10 May. Mr. Edward, son and heir-apparent of John Bromfield of Suffolke Place, Surrey, esq., specially; bound with his father and Mr. Ed. Smith of

the Utter Bar; fine, 5*l.* 12 May. Mr. Thomas, second son of Nicholas Rainton of Enfield, Middlesex, esq., deceased, generally; bound with Nicholas Raynton, esq., his brother, and Mr. George Raynton of London, merchant; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Edward, son and heir-apparent of Edward Yard of Churchston, Devon, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. John Fowell of the Utter Bar and John Kellond; fine, 5*l.* 15 May. Mr. Thomas, son and heir of Thomas Brand of Leaden Rooding, Essex, clerk, deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* 16 May. Mr. Farmer, third son of Farmer Pepys of Mileham, Norfolk, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* Mr. James Dewy to one moiety of Mr. R. Dawlman's chamber in Brick Court, a ground chamber, if it continue a double chamber, on his surrender; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* Mr. John, son and heir of William Doncaster of Waverton, Cheshire, gent., deceased, generally; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 16 May. Mr. Charles Heyden to Mr. J. Russell's rent chamber, up four pair of stairs in the staircase next the Gate, for life; fine, 32*l.*

Parliament, 16 May, 1656.

Mr. Treasurer, Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Beare, Fowell, Proby, Turner, and Smith, or any three of them, are to confer with other Inns of Court concerning readings, and report to the next Parliament.

Mr. Attorney Lechmere's chamber shall be consolidated with Mr. Hall's.

The Head Butler's wages are to be increased from twenty nobles a year to 20*l.*, during pleasure.

The Steward's petition for an allowance towards his loss by commons at 7*s.* 6*d.* a week is to be examined by Mr. Treasurer, Sir Peter Ball, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Turnor, or any two, to report to next Parliament.

A plate or iron chest shall be provided for keeping the evidences and other things of greatest moment, and a schedule made of them. Another schedule shall be made of the goods in the Bench Chambers.

The arrears of all rents due are every year to be added in the close of the account.

For the better accommodation of lord Whitlocke, and in consideration of Mr. Robert Gardiner's charge, part of the

chamber late Mr. Swanton's in Brick Court is consolidated with Mr. Gardiner's in Essex Court, for Mr. Gardiner's life. When Mr. C. Goodhand's part, adjoining Mr. Swanton's, now used by lord Whitlock, comes to the House, he may recommend it to some member of the House to be admitted thereinto on such terms as others will give and Mr. Treasurer for the time being impose.

The door in Essex Court, out of the house, late Mr. Henley's, shall be made up.

Mr. J. Barton's petition to purchase the part of Mr. W. Ayshcombe, his chamber-fellow, deceased, and to have a consolidation thereof, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report to next Parliament.

The former orders concerning the division of Messrs. Hyder and Andrews' outer chambers are confirmed. Mr. Hyder is to acquiesce therein.

No exceedings of diet or other addition to the usual commons and allowed exceedings on special days shall be permitted, except to the Masters of the Bench and the Bar mess. The Cook shall not provide or "vente" any such exceedings, nor any officers or servitors bring in wine or other exceedings to any one in commons, on pain of losing their employment.

Mr. Dighton, the late Treasurer, may detain in his hands 50*l.* for the 50*l.* which he deposited in 1652 for the use of the House; considering that he was indeed long before called to the Bench, had argued at the Cupboard, and had provided his reading.

Mr. James Dewy is called to the degree of the Utter Bar at the special desire of lord Whitlock and lord Lisle.

Admissions:—18 May. Mr. Peter, eldest son of Peter Pett of Chatham, Kent, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 19 May. Mr. Richard, son and heir-apparent of John Holt of Portesmouth, Hants, esq., specially; bound with Dr. William Stephens, an Associate of the Bench, and Mr. Fr. Hyde of the Utter Bar; fine, 5*l.* Mr. John, son and heir of Sampson White of Oxford, gent., generally; bound with Mr. Thomas Lee, sen., of this House, and Mr. John Sharpe of the Inner House; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. John, eldest son of Henry Harwell, late of Coventry, Warwickshire, esq., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* Mr. William, fourth son of Thomas Cherry of Maydenhead, mercer, generally; bound with

Mr. John Whitfield of the Utter Bar; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Also to the chamber of Messrs. John Willson and Edward Manlove, both of the Utter Bar, in Brick Court, a ground chamber, on surrender by the latter; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* 23 May. Mr. John, son and heir of Thomas Prowse of Hillarsdon, Devon, esq., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 6*l.* Mr. Walter, second son of Sir Henry Williams of Gwernevett, Brecknockshire, bart., deceased, generally; bound with Mr. Thomas Williams of the Utter Bar; fine, 3*l.* Mr. Thomas Hall to the chamber of Mr. Lechmere, a Master of the Bench, on his surrender; no fine. Mr. Thomas Hall, by Acts of 31 Jan., 1650, and 17 May inst., to the part of a chamber in Bricke Court, up one pair of stairs, surrendered by Mr. Nicholas Lechmere, Attorney of the Duchy of Lancaster, adjoining his own; to hold both parts as a single chamber for life, in consideration of a story to be built over them at his charge; without any assignment, and therefore no fine. 6 June. Mr. John, eldest son of Hugh Huddy of Corneworthy, Devon, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* 9 June. Mr. Peter, son and heir of Peter Buck of Rochester, esq., specially; fine, 5*l.* Mr. Charles, son and heir of Charles Bowles of Chatham, Kent, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 10 June. Mr. Antony, eldest son of John Bramston of Roxwell, Essex, esq., specially; bound with his father and Mr. Francis Bramston of the Utter Bar; fine, 5*l.*

Parliament, 13 June, 1656.

On Mr. Treasurer's report that Mr. John Barton's chamber is not fit for a double chamber, wanting light and having but one chimney, it shall be consolidated, paying a fine and double duties. The words "double duties" in the order of 2 Feb., 1654, mean all duties except commons.

On the petition of the Bar and gentlemen of this House, Mr. Treasurer shall see the order of 24 Nov., 1654, and other orders for expulsion of families strictly observed.

The five Barristers formerly sent by their Masterships for election of a Reader of New Inn, shall be with one more resent, that New Inn may speedily choose another Reader. Mr. R. Duke, chosen last term, is fined 10*l.* because he declares that he cannot attend that service.

Mr. Treasurer is asked to understand the Steward's resolves

more fully than appears by his petition, that the Benchers may provide another and give the present some gratuity for his past service, if they think fit.

Mr. Treasurer shall hear the difference between Messrs. Collett and Cockes concerning their chamber, and report to next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer and his son, Ch. Chute, jun., shall have assignments granted in the admissions of those to whom they shall sell or assign their chambers, as they have been at much charge.

Mr. Robert Gardiner's double duties mentioned in the order of 16 May are meant to be only pensions, and neither commons nor Minister's rolls.

Messrs. An. Barker and Smith are to return this answer, with all amicable respects, to the Inner House to their proposal of a Lecturer; that their Masterships have seriously considered thereof, and conceive it not as yet a fit time to name or have a Lecturer.

Messrs. Dighton and Hoskins shall be added to the committee to consider how readings may be revived and performed, that it may be debated by the Masters of the Bench and then communicated to the other Inns of Court.

Admissions:—17 June. Mr. Nicholas, eldest son of John Everard, late of Fetherd, Tipperary, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. M. Cooke of the Utter Bar and R. Scudamore; fine, 6*l.* Mr. Antony Bramston to the chamber of Mr. R. Mason of the Utter Bar, in Elme Court, at the south-west corner, up three pair of stairs westward, on his death; fine, 40*l.* 18 June. Mr. John Brerewood to the chamber of Messrs. G. and Thomas Tresham in Inner Temple Lane, up three pair of stairs, on the death of the latter; fine, 30*l.* Mr. Robert Gardiner of the Utter Bar to the chamber of Messrs. William Swanton and C. Goodhand, in Brick Court, a ground chamber, on surrender by the former; fine, 20*s.* Mr. Thomas, first son of Thomas Pinfould, of the parish of St. Clement Daines, Middlesex, gent., generally; bound with his father and Mr. William Kinge of the Utter Bar; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 19 June. Mr. Robert Gardiner, by an Act of 16 May last, to Mr. Swanton's part of a ground chamber in Bricke Court adjoining his in Essex Court, as one chamber, for life; fine, 20*s.* 20 June. Mr. John, first son of Francis

Blount of Ashley, Worcestershire, esq., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Parliament, 20 June, 1656.

The orders for expulsion of families shall be fully executed. Those not avoided by the end of this term, or returning after, shall incur the former penalties, and the owners of the chambers expelled.

The order for the election of a Reader for New Inn, and for Mr. Duke's fine, is confirmed. New Inn is desired to choose the Reader forthwith.

Messrs. Collett and Cockes' business, which if Mr. Cockes had attended would have been heard at this Parliament, must be reported to the next Parliament.

Their Masterships will give 100 marks to the Steward in respect of his near forty years' service, as he is willing to leave on account of ill-health, on his producing discharges in full from all tradesmen and others for anything had for the House, and delivering up all rolls, books, and other things belonging to the House.

Mr. Robert Cole's arrears are abated to 5*l.*

No attorney or solicitor is to be admitted, and none now of the House shall be permitted to buy or be admitted into any chamber. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Gentlemen are desired to come to the Temple Church in their gowns. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Sands, Collett, Bailey, and Smith, or any three of them, are to peruse the deeds and evidences of this House, and especially of the house which Mr. Cockes gave in Mayden Lane, and report to the next Parliament.

The Sub-Treasurer shall take care for the repair of the Church in paving "the alleys and rounde," and other things fit, the Inner House joining.

Ralph Bannister in the kitchen shall have 20*s.* John Best's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Their Masterships, desiring to preserve the amity of both Houses inviolable, order Mr. Treasurer, Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Beare, Bagshawe, Solme, Sands, Turner, and Smith, or any three, whereof Mr. Treasurer to be one, to hold a conference with the Inner House concerning a Lecturer as Assistant to

Mr. Johnson the Minister, the result to be reported to next Parliament.

The petition of Mr. H. Connesby is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Admissions:—23 June. Mr. John, second son of Edward Bagshawe, a Master of the Bench, specially; bound with ——; no fine, being about seventeen years of New Inn. Mr. John, eldest son of Edward Davies of London, merchant, specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* Mr. William Lane to the chamber of Messrs. D. Proctor and G. Lee, in the Garden Buildings, up four pair of stairs northward, on surrender by the former; fine, 40*s.* 24 June. Mr. John Lestrange, by an Act of 13 June, to the moiety of a chamber surrendered by Mr. Chaloner Chute, jun., in the Little Court, up two pair of stairs and a half southwards, next to the part of Mr. Thomas, a Master of the Bench, for life and one assignment after; fine, 20*s.* 26 June. Mr. Fr. Duffield, by the nomination of Mr. John Werden, by virtue of an Act of 23 Nov., 1655, to a chamber up two pair of stairs and a half in the new buildings in the Churchyard on the east side thereof, next over Mr. Thomas Walcott's chamber, for life and one assignment after; no fine, being a builder. 27 June. Mr. Francis, eldest son of —— Deane of Maydstone, Kent, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* 28 June. Mr. John, first son of Thomas Hawkey of Lanlawren, Cornwall, esq., specially; bound with his father and Mr. Reginald Hawkey; fine, 5*l.* 30 June. Mr. John, fourth son of Thomas Jenyns of the Savoy, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Mr. Roger Jenyns and Mr. Israel Longe; fine, 5*l.* Mr. Israell, eldest son of James Longe of Swanesthorp, Norfolk, esq., specially; bound with Mr. John Latch, sen., and Mr. John Jenyns; fine, 5*l.* Mr. Ralph, son of Ralph Read of Chirton, Northumberland, gent., deceased, generally; bound with Messrs. L. Simonds and Ralph Gardiner, his father-in-law; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Francis Withins to the chamber of Mr. M. Malett of the Utter Bar and Mr. N. Philpott, in Essex Court, up two pair of stairs, on surrender by the latter; fine, 40*s.* Mr. John Henshawe, jun., to the chamber of Mr. John Henshawe, sen., his father, and Mr. J. Phelps, in Brick Court, a ground chamber, on surrender by the former; fine, 20*s.* Mr. John Blount to the chamber of Messrs. J. Case and George Booth, a ground chamber in Essex Court, on surrender by the latter; fine

because lately surrendered before, 20*s*. 1 July. Mr. John Barton of the Utter Bar to the ground chamber of Mr. William Ayshcombe of the Utter Bar, deceased, next his own chamber in Pumpe Court; fine, 25*l*. 2 July. Consolidation of Mr. Ayshcombe's part of a chamber with Mr. Barton's by an Act of 13 June last, for life; fine, 30*s*. 4 July. Mr. John, eldest son of Humphrey Bradborne of St. Martin's in the Fields, gent., deceased, specially; bound with John Latch, esq., and Mr. John Jenyns; fine, 5*l*. 6 July. Mr. William, son of Mr. Richard Ruddiard, to a chamber on the east side of the Churchyard, late let to Mr. Thomas Offley at 4*l*. a year rent, on the surrender by his father of his chamber in the old buildings over the Cloisters lately pulled down and new built, for life; no fine. 14 July. Mr. Amos, fourth son of William Walrand of Wells, Somerset, esq., specially; bound with Mr. Edward Wallrand of the Utter Bar and ——; fine, 5*l*. 16 July. Mr. David, youngest son of George Thomas of Savenack Park, Wilts, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l*. 13 Aug. Mr. Thomas Hall, jun., to the chamber of Mr. Clement Throckmorton of the Utter Bar, in the south-west corner of Pumpe Court, up two pair of stairs and a half, on his surrender; fine, 4*l*. 10*s*. 23 Oct. Mr. Richard, son and heir of John Pyncombe of Poughill, Devon, esq., deceased, specially; bound with John Doddridge and Thomas Bamfield, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 5*l*. 25 Oct. Mr. Charles, second son of Edmond Porter of Marsham, Norfolk, gent., generally; bound with ——; no fine. Edward Cicill, esq., sixth son of William earl of Salisbury, specially; bound with ——; fine, 6*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. Mr. Christopher, son and heir-apparent of John Coulson of Norwitch, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l*. Mr. William Samwell to the chamber of Mr. Antony Samwell in Middle Temple Hall Porch, on his surrender; fine, 5*l*. 29 Oct. Mr. William Hatton of the Utter Bar to the chamber of Mr. William Samwell in Middle Temple Hall Porch, up three pair of stairs, on his surrender; fine, 20*s*.

Parliament, 31 Oct., 1656.

New Inn shall be desired to return their choice of a Reader since Mr. S. Trist, chosen last term, has "discerted" the profession of the law, and is fined five marks therefor.

Mr. William Chaloner is chosen Steward, The security to

be given by him is referred to Mr. Treasurer, Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Eltonhead, Sands, and Solme, or any three.

The order of 23 Nov., 1655, touching the difference between Messrs. Collett and Cockes, shall stand.

Mr. Turner shall be added to the committee appointed last term to peruse the deeds and evidences. They are to report to next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer shall hold with his Bench Chamber those lately new built by it over the Cloister and those over them. The charge of the new building and the repairing of the old chamber shall be borne by the House.

The prohibition of exceedings is repeated.

The 11*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* deposited by Mr. R. Wright for the arrears of Mr. W. Ford, deceased, in charity to the four poor children, shall be left to Mr. Treasurer to give to them.

Mr. Manley, the Library Keeper, must be admonished to attend according to the order of 25 May, 1655, or to be displaced.

Mr. William Barker, a Master of the Bench, is nominated to succeed Mr. Chute as Treasurer.

Admissions:—21 Nov. Mr. William Cutler to part of a chamber up two pair of stairs and a half in Vine Court, next over Mr. T. Shadwell's chamber, on surrender by Mr. Chaloner Chute, a Master of the Bench and Treasurer, for life and one assignment after, by an Act of 23 June last; fine, 20*s.** 1 Nov. Mr. John, first son of John Read of Ferneby, Leicestershire, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* Also to the chamber of Mr. W. Leach, sen., deceased, in the passage between Pumpe Court and Vine Court, on the south side, a ground chamber, fallen to the House on Mr. Leach's death; fine, because of his late kindness to the Society expressed in his last will and testament, but 50*l.* 3 Nov. Mr. Thomas, son and heir-apparent of David Williams of Cornden, Gloucestershire, esq., generally; bound with Messrs. Thomas Williams of the Utter Bar and R. Norwood; fine, 3*l.* 4 Nov. Mr. Richard, son and heir of Hugh May of Mote Park, Berks, esq., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* 5 Nov. Mr. Edward Byrch to the chamber of Mr. John Byrch, his father, a ground chamber in Inner Temple Lane, on his surrender; fine, being the extinguishment of his

* This entry is a later insertion.

assignment, by an Act of 11 May, 1632, 40*s.* 10 Nov. Mr. Launcelot, sixth son of William Stonor of Stonor, Oxfordshire, esq., generally; bound with ——; fine, 2*l.* 11 Nov. Mr. Roger, son and heir-apparent of Edward Gardiner of Thunderidge, Herts, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. Francis Bagshawe of the Utter Bar and John Agar; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 12 Nov. Mr. Bartholomew, son and heir-apparent of Francis Fettyplace of Swincombe, Oxfordshire, esq., specially; bound with Ralph Gardiner, gent., and Ralph Read, his son-in-law; fine, 5*l.* 18 Nov. Mr. Edward, son of Edward Hobson of Greenewitch, Kent, gent., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* Mr. Daniel Blagrave to the chamber of Mr. Bartholomew Hall, a Master of the Bench, and Mr. Thomas Rawlins of the Utter Bar, in Essex Court, up two pair of stairs, on surrender by the former; fine, 2*l.* 21 Nov. Mr. Chaloner Chute to the new building over the Cloisters adjoining his father's Bench Chamber, for life, after his father; no fine. (*Marginal note*:—"Vacated by consent, 29 Jan., 1657.")

Parliament, 21 Nov. 1656.

On the petition of Mr. John Wadlowe of St. Dunstan's tavern, he may make a doorway or passage through his house into Middle Temple Lane, with a handsome strong door, with a good strong lock thereon on the side towards the lane. The Porter of this Society shall keep the key, and there shall be no key-hole on the side towards the tavern. The vintner there, so long as he keeps good order and behaves himself well towards the House, at the pleasure of the Bench and no longer, may have a passage for himself and others through the said door from 6 A.M. to 9 P.M. from 25 March to 29 Sept., and from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M. from 29 Sept. to 25 March, at which hours the door shall be opened and shut. In recognition of this special grace, Mr. Wadlowe shall provide as much wine at the last Parliament supper in every Michaelmas Term as is usually spent or their Masterships shall think convenient. *Signed*:—John Wadlow.

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Sands, Collett, Bayles, Turner, and Smith, or any three, shall speak with Mr. Cocks about the houses in Maiden Lane, peruse the evidences concerning them, and report to next Parliament.

Messrs. Sands, Fowell, and Hoskins, or any two, shall thank Mr. Selden's executors concerning the non-acceptance of the library.

William Best, in respect of his age, poverty, and long service, shall have a lodging in the north cellar under the new building in Middle Temple Lane near the Gate.

The increase of wages to servants and officers is referred to Mr. Eltonhead, Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Dighton and Chute, the four last Treasurers.

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Beare, Sands, S[mith], and Fowell, or any three, are desired to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

A schedule of goods in the Bench Chambers is to be given in by the Benchers to Mr. Treasurer forthwith.

The following are called to the degree of the Utter Bar:—Messrs. Walter Vincent, Thomas Smith, Daniel Blagrave, George Baker, William Thursby, Arthur Sparke, and Henry Chauncy.

Mr. Francis Clerke, eldest son of Serjeant Clerke, deceased, Mr. Chaloner Chute, son of Mr. Treasurer, and Mr. Henry Barker, his son-in-law, are also called as a grace and favour.

Admissions:—21 Nov. Mr. Thomas, eldest son of Thomas Cudmore of Kelvedon, Essex, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Thomas Latham of the Utter Bar and John Latham, his son; fine, 5*l.* 22 Nov. Mr. William, second son of John Heyden of Westminster, knt., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Charles Heyden and Richard Dawlman, both of this Society; fine, 5*l.* 24 Nov. Mr. William, son of the Right Honble. Bulstrode Whitlock, one of his Highness' Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, to the chambers of Mr. Thomas Hall in Bricke Court, on his surrender; no fine. 21 Nov. Mr. John, second son of Thomas Latham of the Middle Temple, specially; bound with his father and Mr. Thomas Cudmore; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 28 Nov. Mr. George, second son of Richard Dowdeswell of Pull Court, Worcestershire, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, being of three years' standing at New Inn, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. Francis, eldest son of John Winington of Chester, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, being of three years' standing at New Inn, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 21 Nov. Mr. Thomas Latham to part of a chamber up two pair of stairs in Vine Court next over Mr. Reynolds' chamber, surrendered by Mr. Chute, a Master of the Bench, now

Treasurer, for life and one assignment after, by an Act of 23 June last; fine, 20*s.**

Mr. William Barker, Treasurer.

Admissions:—22 Nov. Mr. Antony, eldest son of Antony Barker, esq., a Master of the Bench, specially; bound with ——; fine, 20*s.* Mr. John, eldest son of Robert Gibbon of Rolvenden, Kent, esq., specially; bound with his father and Mr. Edmund Gibbon; fine, 5*l.* 24 Nov. Mr. John, son and heir of John Skeffington of Tunbridg, Kent, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Thomas Bowreman of Brooke, in the Isle of Wight, and Mr. D. Williams of the Utter Bar; fine, 5*l.* John Pawlett, esq., eldest son of John lord Pawlett, baron of Hinton St. George, Somerset, specially; bound with Mr. Robert Henley of the Utter Bar; fine, 5*l.* 25 Nov. Mr. William, eldest son of James Perrott of Amerson, Bucks, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* 26 Nov. Mr. Antony, eldest son of Ralph Weldon of Swanscombe, Kent, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. R. Dawlman of the Utter Bar and Per[ceval] Hart; fine, 5*l.* Mr. John, eldest son of William Backhouse of Swallowfield, Berks, esq., specially; bound with Mr. John Fowell of the Utter Bar and ——; fine, 3*l.* 8 Dec. Mr. John, son and heir of John Hillyard of Edmundton, Middlesex, esq., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. George Dowdeswell to the chamber of Messrs. J. Smith, J. Mills, and E. Hooper in the building at the south-east corner of the Middle Temple Hall, up three pair of stairs, on surrender by Mr. Mills; fine, 2*l.* Mr. Giles, second son of Giles Hamley of St. Mayven, Cornwall, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Henry Tulse to the chamber of Mr. John Bingham in the new buildings in Middle Temple Lane, up three pair of stairs, on his surrender; fine, 2*l.* Thomas Russell, esq., son and heir-apparent of Sir William Russell of Strensham, Worcestershire, bart., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* 30 Jan., 1656. Mr. John Collett to the chamber of his father, a Master of the Bench, and to the other part, being the House's right, in Essex Court, a ground chamber, on surrender by his father; no fine, having lately paid all his arrears without abatement.

* This entry is inserted by a different hand, and the name Latham has been altered from Cutler.

Parliament, 30 Jan., 1656.

The committee for examination of the evidences concerning the house in Mayden Lane, must report to the first Parliament in next term.

The committee for officers' wages must report to the next Parliament.

The auditing of the Treasurer's accounts is put off till next Parliament. The Sub-Treasurer's servant shall attend the auditors and other committees with the orders made for them.

Benchers omitting to bring in an inventory of the House's goods in their chambers, must be reported to the next Parliament.

Mr. Morrice Cecly's petition to be restored to his chamber is referred to Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Fowell, to be reported to the next Parliament.

No petition for an assignment in any chamber or part shall be received or read.

Compositions made by the last Treasurer shall be void if the money be not paid before next Parliament, and the chambers or parts will be seized. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

The committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts must consider the stating of arrears and the inventorying the goods of the House.

The penalty of bonds of admittance shall be reduced to 20*l.*

On the petition of Thomas Jay, Second Butler, 5*l.* is given him, and 10*s.* a week will be allowed him during his sickness.

On the petition of Antony Geringe, esq., sometime a member of this Society, 5*l.* is given him.

Admissions:—31 Jan., 1656. Mr. William, eldest son of John Saunders of Maydstone, Kent, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* Mr. Richard, eldest son of William Lygon of Madersfield Court, Worcestershire, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Henry Cockes, by an Act of 24 Nov., 1655, to the chamber of Mr. John Collett and the part of Mr. Ch. Cockes, deceased, in Essex Court, a ground chamber, in place of the latter; fine, 20*s.* Mr. Edward, eldest son of Nathan Stephens, late of Horton, Gloucestershire, esq., specially; bound with ——;

fine, 4*l.* 2 Feb. Mr. Thomas, eldest son of Thomas Wescombe of Halse, Somerset, gent., specially; bound with his father and Mr. John Dodderidg of the Utter Bar; fine, 5*l.* 3 Feb. Mr. Francis, son and heir of Thomas Castillian of Benham Vallance, Berks, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. A. Staples, jun., and T. Staples, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 5 Feb. Mr. Andrew, eldest son of Robert Lant of London, esq., specially; bound with his father; fine, 4*l.*

Parliament, 6 Feb., 1656.

The committee appointed to consider officers' allowances shall also consider whether it is more convenient to pay commons beforehand, as now, or the old way by casting up; and of an expedient for the enlarging of commons in term and vacation, the want whereof tends much to the impoverishing of this Society. Messrs. Bayles, Turner, and Smith are added to the committee. They are to report to the first Parliament next term.

Mr. Jones, the Sub-Treasurer, shall have 10*l.* in compensation of the 10*l.* set down in Mr. Dighton's account for poundage of 200*l.* of Benchers' money. This order shall be entered in the Parliament Book, and also on Mr. Dighton's account against his demand of poundage for Benchers' 50*l.* This allowance shall not stand as a precedent.

The chambers of compounders who do not pay their full arrears by the last day of this term on demand at their chambers, shall be seized.

Mr. M. Ceely shall have 25*l.* for his chamber in Middle Temple Lane to be surrendered to the House. All his arrears, including this term, shall be discharged, as his absence was occasioned by his service for the Parliament.

Sir Peter Ball and Mr. Chute shall attend Lord Fines to excuse the not calling of Mr. N. Archbold to the degree of the Utter Bar.

No gentleman shall come to church without his gown. No one shall read exercises upon moots or otherwise in the Hall, on pain of being convented before the Masters of the Bench. This order is to be fixed upon the screen.

Admissions:—9 Feb. Mr. Robert Seymer to the chamber of Edward Pepys of the Utter Bar, up three pair of stairs and a half, in the Little Court southwards, on his surrender; fine,

being the extinguishment of an assignment, 20*s.* 11 Feb. Mr. John, eldest son of Henry Fisher of Crutch, Worcestershire, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 12 Feb. Mr. Nathaniel, eldest son of Nathaniel Ghyles of Windsor, Berks, D.D., deceased, specially; bound with Mr. Henry Dighton of the Utter Bar, and Mr. William Cherry; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 13 Feb. Mr. Thomas Wescombe to the chamber of Mr. Thomas Walker in the new building in Middle Temple Lane, up one pair of stairs, on his surrender; fine, the assignment being extinct, 20*s.* 19 Feb. Mr. William Swanton of the Utter Bar to the rent chamber of Messrs. Thomas Hobbs and Thomas Trott in Elme Court, a ground chamber, on surrender by the former; fine, 20*s.* Isaac Drewry, esq., third son of Sir Drewe Drewry of Ridlesworth, Norfolk, bart., specially; bound with Samuel Jones of Curtaine Hall, Northants, esq.; fine, 5*l.* 20 Feb. Edward Cicill, esq., to the chamber of Messrs. John Shapleigh and W. Lisle, up four pair of stairs in the south-west corner of Elme Court, on forfeiture by Mr. Shapleigh for discontinuance; fine, 45*l.* Mr. Robert Day to the chamber of Messrs. R. Greene, sen., E. Stroode, and F. Jermy, in the Little Court, up one pair of stairs and a half, on surrender by Mr. Greene; fine, being the extinguishment of an assignment, 20*s.* 23 April. Mr. Samuel, son and heir-apparent of Samuel Hyland of Southworke, Surrey, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* Mr. John Tate to the chamber of Mr. Charles Heyden in the next staircase to Middle Temple Gate, up four pair of stairs, on his surrender; fine, 2*l.* 14 March. Thomas Loftus, esq., son-in-law of Edward Eltonhead, esq., a Master of the Bench, specially; bound with ——; fine, 20*s.*

Parliament, 24 April, 1657.

The report about commons, commoners, and Stewards' allowance is deferred till next Parliament, the committee not being ready.

The order for seizing the chambers of those who have not paid their arrears is confirmed, and no composition is to be admitted.

Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Sub-Treasurer are to peruse the evidences in their custody or that they can come by relating to this House, and report to the next Parliament. Notice

shall be left at Mr. John Cockes' chamber for him to bring in all the deeds concerning the house in Mayden Lane, or copies if they concern more estate than that house.

Mr. John Wilson, one of the most ancient of the Utter Bar, shall show cause to Mr. Treasurer why he debars Mr. W. Cherry, his chamber-fellow, of the use of his chamber. He shall also be asked to pay his arrears, and what woman it is that lodges in his chamber.

Their Masterships will consider how to make the accounts of the House more clear.

Admissions:—29 April. Mr. Henry Browne, jun., son and heir-apparent of Henry Browne, sen., of Somerset House, Strand, esq., specially; bound with his father and ——; fine, 5*l.* 5 May. Mr. Michael, son and heir of Michael Dickenson of Manchester, Lancashire, gent., deceased, generally; bound with Messrs. John Parsons and Thomas Swinton; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 6 May. Mr. Antony Ettoricke of the Utter Bar to the chamber of Messrs. John Stowell and Edward Wallis, both of the Utter Bar, in the south-west corner of Elme Court, up one pair of stairs, on surrender by the latter; fine, 3*l.* 7 May. Mr. Perceval Hart to the chamber of Messrs. Thomas Smith of the Utter Bar and John Clobery, in Vine Court, up four pair of stairs, on surrender by the former; fine, 30*s.* Mr. John, son and heir of Walter Kyrle of Ross, Herefordshire, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. James Scudamore and W. Hinson; fine, 5*l.* Mr. James Ward to the chamber of Mr. John Entwisle of the Utter Bar and Mr. Alexander Jermyn, up three pair of stairs, in Elme Court; on surrender by the latter; fine, 30*s.* 8 May. Mr. George, second son of Antony Blagrave of Bunnish, Berks, esq., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Lawrence, eldest son of Robert Cullyford of Encombe, in the Isle of Purbeck, Dorset, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.*

Parliament, 8 May, 1657.

Mr. Culpeper, who has broken the lock of his chamber, seized amongst others for non-payment of arrears, will be expelled if he breaks the other lock hereby ordered to be put on.

Mr. Treasurer and Mr. George are desired to report at next Parliament on the deed dated 27 June, 8 Eliz., between

the Benchers and Lewis Stock concerning ground belonging to the Society within the wall between Mr. Wadlowe's house and Middle Temple Lane, and to demand the rent reserved by that deed from Mr. Wadlowe.

Mr. John Willson, one of the most ancient of the Utter Bar, shall deliver to Mr. W. Cherry the possession of part of a chamber purchased from Mr. Manlove, and remove his wife from his own part. Their Masterships will then consider his arrears.

Mr. John Parker, a builder in the brick building between Pumpe Court and Elme Court, has his arrears remitted, and liberty to dispose of his third part in the roof chamber, which cost him 100*l.*, part in his old chamber and 40*l.* paid as a builder.

Mr. Dawlman's chamber shall continue a double chamber, it being against orders and greatly prejudicial to consolidate chambers once made double chambers. Consolidated chambers shall only continue so to the proprietors, and afterwards be reduced to double chambers, unless there is great cause to the contrary. This is when fallen to the House and not otherwise.

Messrs. Beare, Hussy, George, and Fowell are added to the committee to consider commons, etc., "and at present the old way of castinge up commons, for the better tryall how to settle it by the weeke at a certaine rate or otherwise, is appointed by their Masterships to be observed; and to pay commons beforehand as at present."

Called to the degree of the Utter Bar:—John White, John Northcoate, Robert Daye, Fr. Jermy, Edward Byrche, Perceval Hart, Gor. Ball, and at the special desire of Lord Fines, Mr. N. Archbolde.

Admissions:—9 May. Mr. William, third son of Humphrey Walcott of Walcott, Shropshire, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. Thomas Walcott and Henry Dighton, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 3*l.* Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Peyton of Rougham, Norfolk, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. L. Calthrop and R. Daye, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 11 May. Mr. John, second son of John Puliston, late Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* Mr. William, eldest son of William Trumbull of East Hamstid, Berks, esq., specially;

bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 10*s.* 2 June. Mr. Francis Winnington to the chamber of Messrs. Smith, E. Hooper, and G. Dowdeswell, at the south-east corner of Middle Temple Hall, up three pair of stairs, on surrender by Mr. Hooper; fine, 2*l.* Mr. William Trumb,* son and heir-apparent of George Turbill of Maydenhead, Berks, gent., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 2*l.*

Parliament, 5 June, 1657.

Mr. Jones, the Sub-Treasurer, shall demand of Mr. Bellinger the arrears of rent for certain ground in Mr. Wadlowe's, the vintner's, yard, on part whereof the brick wall severing that and the lane for 116 feet stands, and report the next Parliament.

Mr. George's Bench Chamber, being unhealthy by its dampness, shall be raised and new boarded, and the sinks, etc., amended.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to view Mr. Dawlman's chamber and report to next Parliament whether he thinks it fit for a single chamber, or to continue double, as at present.

Mr. R. Henley shall be left to his choice whether to be fined 10*l.* or provide a Sub-Reader for New Inn. Sir Peter Ball is to acquaint Lord Chief Justice Glin that the Bench dispenses with Mr. Henley's personal attendance on his reading according to his lordship's desire.

Messrs. E. Ady, F. Bretton, B. Parker, and J. Prescott of the Bar, and W. Beckett, H. Salmon, W. Nutley, and N. Brooke under the Bar, are desired, for next week, to consider the abuses in the market, kitchen, cellar, and buttery, whereby commons are raised to an extreme rate.

Mr. Shapleigh's petition to have his chamber restored, or its value, on payment of arrears, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The Cook is commanded to see removed all the offensive garbage or soil which he makes of the kitchen, or lays at the garden end. The Porter is ordered to keep the courts and lane more clean and sweet.

William Burford, Pannierman, seventy-eight years of age, is granted a pension of 5*l.* yearly, to be paid when another is in his place.

Each repaster not in commons the half week before or

* *Sic.* Turbill in the margin.

the half week after, is to be cast into commons the half week before or after such repast. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Each Bencher is to have a key of the public door of the library. Mr. Treasurer and Messrs. George and Sandes are desired to view the library and report their observations to next Parliament.

Admission :—8 June. Mr. James, fifth son of Garrard FitzGerald, archdeacon of Emley, Tipperary, specially; bound with Mr. N. Everard and ——; fine, 6*l.*

Parliament, 12 June, 1657.

The House's title to certain ground in the Divill Tavern yard must be further examined by Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Sands, Collett, Bayles, Turner, and Smith, or three of them, who also are to desire a committee of the Inner House to open the iron-bound chest under the great window in the Temple Church, and report on Monday next. Sir Peter Ball is desired to see the deeds concerning New Inn perfected.

On Mr. Treasurer's report that Mr. Dawlman's chamber is very little, it shall be consolidated, "provided he pays a fine for that consolidation and readmission to that moiety which is in the House by Mr. Dewy's being admitted into another, and yet stands admitted into that moiety also, which is against the orders of this House."

Mr. Shapleigh's petition to have the surplus of the sum for which his chamber was sold after paying his arrears, cannot be granted. But as he was sick and trusted to his guardian, he shall be civilly used in the price of some chamber if he comes into commons and resides in the House.

Locks shall be set on the presses for the small books in the library, and all the books registered in one book to be kept with the evidences of this House, to which books coming in are to be added. Another book of parchment leaves shall be provided handsomely bound to register the names and gifts of benefactors. The books mentioned in the scrolls at the end of the seats are to be registered in the book, mentioning the rest of the books in the same seat. All law books which are or shall come forth, shall be bought and placed there.

The arrears of Mr. John Willson, one of the most ancient of

the Utter Bar, are remitted, provided he deliver possession of Mr. Cherry's part of his chamber by Mu[nday] night next. Mr. Dewy's fine about his exercise is remitted.

All the gentlemen of the Utter Bar are fined ten groats each for neglect of their attendance at this Parliament. A roll shall be made thereof. Mr. P. Hart is exempt, being the only person ready to attend their Masterships.

Parliament is adjourned to Monday evening next, about four o'clock.

Admissions:—16 June. Mr. James, son and heir-apparent of Richard Balder of Sutton, Lincolnshire, gent., specially; bound with Mr. An. Luther, one of the most ancient of the Utter Bar, and Mr. G. Luther; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 17 June. Mr. John, second son of Amias Bampfield of Weston Bampfield, Somerset, esq., specially; bound with Mr. Thomas Bampfield of the Utter Bar and ——; fine, 4*l.* 18 June. Mr. Robert, second son of Sir Walter Pye of Mynde, Herefordshire, knt., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Edward, eldest son of George Crayford of the Middle Temple, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* 18 June. Mr. Stephen, son and heir-apparent of Gregory Odierne of Leeds, Kent, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. James Dewy of the Utter Bar to the uppermost part of the new buildings of Mr. William Whitlock in Brick Court, up three pair of stairs, lately built by Mr. Thomas Hall, on surrender by Mr. Whitlock; fine, 2*l.* 20 June. Mr. John, second son of Sir Henage Proby of Raine, Bucks, knt., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* Mr. John, second son of Sir Stephen Soame of Heydon, Essex, knt., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. James, son and heir of William Codd, late of Wateringbury, Kent, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 24 June. Thomas Fanshawe, esq., son and heir-apparent of Sir Thomas Fanshawe, K.B., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* Mr. Henry Fanshawe, second son of the same, specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* Thomas Fanshawe to the chamber up three pair of stairs in the late new building in Essex Court, at the south end, lately built by Mr. John Agar, for life and one assignment after; no fine, coming in as a builder under Mr. Agar, by virtue of certain articles from this Society to the builder. Mr. Henry Fanshawe to a similar chamber at the north end, similarly.

26 June. Mr. Robert Woodward to the chambers of Messrs. W. Taylewr and T. Williams, both of the Utter Bar, in Inner Temple Lane, up four pair of stairs, on surrender by the former; fine, 1*l.* 6*s.* Mr. Thomas Brand to the chamber of Mr. George Baker of the Utter Bar, in Inner Temple Lane, up four pair of stairs, on his surrender; fine, 1*l.* 6*s.* Mr. George Baker to the chamber of Messrs. Taylewr and Williams, on surrender by the latter; fine, 1*l.* 6*s.* 29 June. Mr. Owen, son and heir-apparent of Richard Silver of Tallowe, Waterford, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 6*l.* 15 Sept. Mr. Robert, eldest son of George Wither of Hambleton, Hants, esq., specially; bound with his father and ——; fine, 6*l.* Also to the chamber of Mr. Thomas Hall in Inner Temple Lane, a ground chamber, on his surrender; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* 28 Oct. Mr. Robert, second son of Sir Robert Cotton of Westminster, bart., specially; bound with Messrs. John Barnard and Francis Crane, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Also to the chamber of Mr. Crane and Mr. T. Cotton, his brother, deceased, in Vine Court, up two pair of stairs, in the brick building over the Cloisters, fallen to the House by his brother's death; fine, because his brother died within two years after being admitted, only 55*l.* 30 Oct. Mr. George Solme to the chamber of his father, a Master of the Bench, and of Mr. J. Palmer, in Paper Buildings, on the east side of the Temple Churchyard, up two pair of stairs, fallen to the House by his father's death; fine, because his father was a Bencher, 15*l.*, on the condition that if he assign it, Mr. Palmer may have the refusal. Mr. John, son and heir of William Colley of Glaston, Rutland, esq., deceased, generally; bound with Messrs. Charles Ward and William Smallwood, both of the Inner Bar; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. William, eldest son of Henry Colyer of Hermitage, Dorset, esq., deceased, specially; bound with John Jeffery, esq., his father-in-law, and William Constantine, esq., of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* William Campion, esq., eldest son of Sir William Campion of Cumbwell in Gouthurst, Kent, knt., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* Mr. John, eldest son of John Burdenand of Scorberow, Yorks, gent., specially; bound with Messrs. William Woolley and Henry Browne, both of the Inner Bar; fine, 5*l.*

Parliament, 30 Oct., 1657.

Since Mr. J. Cox has not conformed to former orders, he must bring to Mr. Treasurer on or before 14 Nov. all deeds relating to the house in Mayden Lane, especially the last lease; also in writing deliver him the reasons why Mr. Cox's will in the due attendance upon awards is not performed according to his charitable intent.*

Mr. Attorney Lechmere is chosen Treasurer for next year, and is added to the committee appointed on 21 June to consider the claim to certain ground in the Devill Tavern yard.

Messrs. Hall, Proby, Sands, Adams, Bayles, Turner, and Smith, or any three, are appointed to consider Mr. Bayles' motion, and what orders are fit to be continued or published.

Messrs. Lechmere, Beare, Sands, and Smith, or any two, are to consider Mr. Steward's petition and his bond to the House, and how the tradesmen with whom he deals shall be duly paid, and discharges produced to Mr. Treasurer.

Admissions:—31 Oct. Mr. George, second son of Sir John Evelyn of Godstone, Surrey, knt., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 6 Nov. Mr. William, eldest son of William Gwavas of Sithney, Cornwall, gent., specially; bound with Messrs. Andrew Henley and John Walker, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 9 Nov. Elias Ashmole, esq., son and heir of Simon Ashmole of Leichfield, Staffordshire, gent., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 12 Nov. Mr. Robert, second son of William Barker, esq., a Master of the Bench and present Treasurer, specially; bound with ——; no fine. 16 Nov. Mr. John Troughton to the chamber of Messrs. John Willson of the Utter Bar and William Cherry, a ground chamber in Brick Court, on surrender by the former; fine, 1*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Thomas Swinton to the chamber of Messrs. John Ratcliffe and Alan Carr, both of the Utter Bar, and John Troughton, in the Little Court, up three pair of stairs and a half, on surrender by the last; fine, 1*l.* 10*s.* Mr. John, eldest son of George Barker of London, gent., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 17 Nov. John Fownes, esq., son and heir of John Fownes of Whitley, Devon, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Thomas Fownes and John Fowell, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* Mr. R.

* Note in the margin :—"Cox. J. To sitt upon awards."

Dawlman, by an Act of 21 June, 1657, to the other part of the chamber in Bricke Court, fallen to the House by the admission of Mr. James Dewy, his chamber-fellow, to another chamber; fine, 10*s.* Readmission of Mr. Dawlman to the consolidated chamber; fine, 2*l.* 19 Nov. Mr. Thomas, son and heir-apparent of Humphrey Jaggard of Great Parondon, Essex, gent., specially; bound with his father and ——; fine, 5*l.* 24 Nov. Mr. R. Markham, by an Act of 5 May, 1654, to a new chamber in the new buildings in Middle Temple Lane, up four pair of stairs southward, forfeited by Mr. R. Rogers for discontinuance, for life and one assignment after, because Mr. Rogers was never admitted thereto as builder, which he ought long since to have been; fine, 50*l.* 25 Nov. Mr. John Northcoate of the Utter Bar to the whole chamber of Mr. Thomas Cave, deceased, in Inner Temple Lane, up three pair of stairs, looking into the north churchyard, fallen to the House by Mr. Cave's death; fine, 70*l.* Mr. Richard Verney to one moiety of a rent chamber in Middle Temple Lane, up four pair of stairs, lately let to Messrs. C. Bettiscombe and J. Brerewood; fine, 25*l.* Mr. John Verney to the other moiety; fine, 25*l.* 26 Nov. Mr. Francis, eldest son of Richard Head of Rochester, Kent, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* Mr. John Troughton, by an Act of 23 Nov., 1655, to one moiety of a chamber in the new buildings in the Churchyard, up two pair of stairs and a half northwards, next to Mr. Fr. Duffield's chamber, on resignation by Mr. John Werden, for life and one assignment after; no fine, coming in as a builder. Mr. Abraham Gibbons to the other moiety, similarly. 27 Nov. Mr. George, eldest son of William Underwood of London, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* Mr. Thomas, son and heir of Thomas Clutterbuck of Fiddington, Gloucestershire, gent., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* Mr. William, third son of Sir Robert Brerewood of Chester, knt., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.*

Parliament, 27 Nov., 1657.

For the increase of exercises and the improvement of learning and the honour of the degree of the Utter Bar, no one shall in future be called to that degree before he has performed four moots, three of them at least in this Society, beside repeating pleadings; has kept commons; and is possessed

of a chamber in his own right and not at any rent; has paid all arrears and dues, and is of full time. This order is to be fixed on the screen once every term.

The committee appointed on 21 Nov., 1656, must peruse the deeds about the house in Mayden Lane, especially the lease or counterpart which is to be called for of Mr. Eltonhead; and report to next Parliament.

The committee for the perusal of orders of the House appointed 30 Oct. last is continued, viz. Messrs. Hall, Proby, Sands, Adams, Bayles, Turnor, and Smith. Mr. Chute is added to them.

The Steward shall pay all tradesmen before the first day of next term. Inquiry must be made if more is due than the 141*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.* which he acknowledges. The tradesmen must personally attend the Treasurer and acknowledge full satisfaction. His surety must be inquired into. His claim of, or petition for, 40*s.* a week is denied.

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Beare, Sands, Turnor, and Smith, or any three, are desired to audit Mr. Treasurer's account.

The former orders for removing families must be speedily and severely put in execution. The Sub-Treasurer is to report the families in the House next term.

There is no call to the Utter Bar, as there was a call in Easter term.

Admissions:—27 Nov. Mr. William Turbill to the chamber of Mr. John Troughton and Mr. William Cherry, a ground chamber in the south-west corner of Brick Court, on surrender by the former; fine, 20*s.* Mr. Robert Scudamore to the chamber of Mr. Morrice Ceely of the Utter Bar, in Middle Temple Lane, up three pair of stairs, sold by him to the House; fine, 32*l.* Mr. Joseph King to the chamber of Messrs. George Tresham and John Brerewood of the Utter Bar, in Inner Temple Lane, up three pair of stairs, on surrender by the former; fine, 2*l.*

Mr. N. Lechmere, Treasurer.

Admissions:—28 Nov. Mr. Edward, eldest son of John Goulding of Hill Court, Worcestershire, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Roger, eldest son of Roger Lloyd of Richmond, Surrey, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Arthur Sparke of the Utter Bar and Charles Porter;

fine, 5*l.* 30 Nov. Mr. George, second son of John Fetty-place of Colne Allwins, Gloucestershire, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. Thomas Williams of the Utter Bar and Richard Norwood; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 1 Dec. Mr. Standish, eldest son of Francis Hartstonge of Catton, Norfolk, esq., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 3 Dec. Mr. Thomas, eldest son of Thomas Price of Brynapace, Flintshire, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 4 Dec. Mr. Thomas, son and heir-apparent of John Browne of Frampton, Dorset, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* 8 Dec. Mr. Richard, second son of Sir Paul Neile of Hutton Bombick, Yorks, knt., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Edmund, fifth son of John Squibb of Whitchurch, Dorset, gent., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 9 Dec. Mr. John, eldest son of John Arundell of Truthall, Cornwall, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 13 Jan., 1657. William Neile, esq., eldest son of Sir Paul Neile of Hutton Bombill, Yorks, knt., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Ralph, eldest son of Devereux Gardiner of Hunsdon, Herts, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* 18 Jan. Mr. Stephen Odierne to the chamber of Mr. William Barrett of the Utter Bar, in the old brick buildings on the north side of Pumpe Court, a ground chamber, on his surrender; fine, 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 26 Jan. Mr. Edmund, second son of Sir Edmund Fowell of Fowell Comb, Devon, knt., specially; bound with his father and Mr. John Fowell of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 29 Jan. Mr. Antony Morgan of Dublin, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.*

Parliament, 29 Jan., 1657.

Mr. Wadlowe's back door in Middle Temple Lane being locked up on complaint of misdemeanours, shall be kept locked till further considered of.

Mr. Treasurer is entreated to commend a Steward to the Society. The Benchers are desired to inform him of any they know fit for the place. Great care is to be taken that he give good security and pay all tradesmen and others with whom he deals. Mr. Chute is entreated to prevail with the present Steward, Mr. Chaloner, to pay the tradesmen forthwith, he having received money for commons beforehand, which from Saturday night next Mr. Chapman is to retain till further

orders. The Steward's security is to be sent unto forthwith by the Sub-Treasurer to take care speedily to perform his bond, unless Mr. Chute dissuade it upon any other expedient.

The call of the Bencher in Mr. Turnor's room is adjourned till next Parliament.

The petition of George Eales for an allowance for attending for Richard Ellis during his sickness, is referred to Mr. Treasurer and the committee for officers' wages.

The family of Mr. Browne the barber is to remove forthwith. If he or any others return, the Sub-Treasurer is to report it. Mr. Treasurer is desired to reprove Mr. Browne for his rude language. If he does not remove speedily and reform the miscarriage of himself and his shop, or if the family return, he is to be put out of his shop and other employment in this Society.

John Chaloner is confirmed in the Puisne Butler's place on the death of Richard Ellis. Security is to be taken of him.

Parliament, 5 Feb., 1657.

Mr. Treasurer, Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Bayles and Smith, or any two, are to speak with the Cook to undertake the Steward's employment, and to agree with him if they can.

On the report of the committee for Scales Inn, if the arrears of rent can be recovered, 40*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.* spent in getting possession shall first be paid into the Treasury, and then one moiety of the arrears remaining. Mr. Eltonhead is to be allowed, deducting the costs of the suit, the rest to buy books for the library. If the arrears cannot be recovered, Mr. Cox is to pay his proportion of the 40*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.*

Mr. Treasurer, Sir Peter Ball, Mr. Beare, Mr. Hoskins, and Mr. Smith, or any three, are desired to advise with Mr. Pepys for the choice of books to be bought with the 50*l.* given by the Lord Chief Justice Pepys to the library.

Arrears of pensions and other duties above 10*s.* are to be forthwith paid. In default, Mr. Treasurer is to act according to former orders.

Mr. George is desired to draw a bill in Chancery to discover the title of Mr. Ballenger to the ground between Middle Temple Lane and "the St. Dunston's *alias* Divill Taverne." Sir Peter Ball and Mr. Hall are desired to assist.

Mr. Gilbert Yard and Mr. Henry Proctor are called to the

Bench. Notice is to be given to them that they may attend exercises and pay their 50*l.*

Mr. John Troughton, as a special grace, by desire of Mr. Baron Parker, is called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Admissions:—1 Feb. Mr. William, eldest son of William Stratford of Farme Coat, Gloucestershire, esq., specially; bound with his father and Mr. Thomas Williams of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10 Feb. Mr. Nicholas, youngest son of James Gould of Dorchester, Dorset, esq., specially; bound with Mr. William Constantine of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 11 Feb. Mr. William, eldest son of John Killingworth of Boxworth, Cambridgeshire, clerk, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 12 Feb. Mr. Michael, eldest son of Michael Drewe of the Devises, Wilts, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* Mr. Thomas, eldest son of Thomas Chafe of the Middle Temple, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 3*l.* 19 Feb. Mr. Ambrose, son and heir of Richard Reddall, late of Liddleington, Bedfordshire, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 20 Feb. Mr. Christopher, eldest son of Christopher Turnour, esq., a Master of the Bench, specially; bound with ——; no fine. 27 April, 1658. Mr. John, eldest son of John Marsham of Cuxton, Kent, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 29 April. Mr. John, son and heir-apparent of John Martin of the Middle Temple, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. William Ball and Goring Ball, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 30 April. Mr. Thomas, eldest son of Gabriel Wetenhall of Namptwych, Cheshire, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 6 May. Mr. William Younge to the chamber of Mr. Thomas Westcombe in the new buildings in Middle Temple Lane, up one pair of stairs southward, on his surrender; fine, 2*l.* 7 May. Mr. Charles, son and heir of Andrew Durdant of Staines, Middlesex, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Mr. Thomas Medlicott of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.*

Parliament, 7 May, 1658.

On the desire of Lord Lisle, Mr. William Lisle of the Utter Bar shall be admitted to the chamber of Mr. Beconshaw Lisle, deceased, for life, paying only 5*l.*

The bond of Mr. Chaloner, the late Steward, shall be forthwith put in suit. Messrs. W. Barker, Sands, and Smith are to examine the particulars of his debts.

Commons are to be cast up weekly, to begin to-morrow, May 8. Gentlemen of the Utter Bar who are to perform their assignments and those usually assisting, are to cast them up, and shall have notice thereof at the Cupboard. Gentlemen who do not pay for their commons when cast up, shall be continued in commons until satisfaction is made to the Steward. Bonds of admittances are to be viewed ; if the sureties are not living, they must be supplied with others of this Society. Surveyors for the buttery, kitchen, cellar, etc., shall be appointed to-morrow.

The committee for officers' wages are desired to perfect their proceedings, and to settle a yearly allowance to the Laundress, instead of paying by the piece.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to report the Library Keeper's attendance next Parliament; as also of the Gardener's, who is desired to place one in who lives nearer, if he sees cause.

Mr. Treasurer or Sir Peter Ball is desired to speak with Mr. Attorney-General about purchasing the fee farm rent of the Temples, and to report to the next Parliament.

In accordance with ancient orders that every builder or purchaser not admitted into his chamber or part within three months after his first contract or surrender, should forfeit the chamber or part; all builders and purchasers must cause themselves or others to be admitted before the end of next term, and especially the late builders in Essex Court. In default, the chambers or parts shall be seized. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

The account of Mr. Barker, the last Treasurer, is approved. The committee appointed to audit it are to consider what fines are to be taken for admittances into chambers, for the better improvement of fines, the least of which by ancient order was not to be under five marks.

Neither Mr. Bedle nor Mr. Collins shall henceforth be allowed any taxes, since they have been paid in the House's wrong hitherto, and especially the late arrears, which by order of Parliament are expressly discharged.

Messrs. Edward Ady, Gilbert Yard, and Henry Proctor are called to the Bench. This call of three is not to be a precedent for more than two.

Admissions:—12 May. Mr. John Northcoate of the Utter Bar to the chamber of Mr. William Younge in the new buildings

in Middle Temple Lane, up one pair of stairs, on his surrender; fine, 20*s.*, this being only an exchange. Mr. William Younge to Mr. Northcoate's chamber in Inner Temple Lane, up three pair of stairs, on his surrender; fine, 20*s.* Mr. Charles, second son of John Tredinham, late of Filley, Cornwall, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* Robert Kinge, esq., second son of Sir Robert Kinge of Whitaker Hall, Warwickshire, knt., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* 14 May. Mr. Richard Wallop of the Utter Bar to the whole chamber of Mr. E. Smith, sen., a Master of the Bench, in Inner Temple Lane, up two pair of stairs, on his surrender; fine, 2*l.* (This admission should have been entered 29 June, 1655, but the fine was not paid till now.) Mr. John, son and heir of Thomas Marshall of Walton, Huntingdonshire, esq., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 18 May. Mr. William Lisle of the Utter Bar, by an Act of 7 inst., to a chamber up two pair of stairs over the Hall porch and inner buttery, assigned by an order of 25 Jan., 1649, to Mr. Beconsaw Lisle and formerly the chamber of Lord Lisle, one of the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal, for life; fine, 5*l.* 20 May. Mr. Andrew Lant to the chamber of Messrs. John Page and Thomas Lake, Masters of the Bench, in Paper Buildings, in Vine Court, up two pair of stairs, on surrender by the latter; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* Mr. George Underwood to the same chamber on Mr. Page's surrender; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* 21 May. Mr. William Collyer to the chamber of Mr. John Whitfield of the Utter Bar and Mr. John Hinton, in Elme Court, on surrender by the latter; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Parliament, 21 May, 1658.

Sir Peter Ball, and Messrs. Fowell and Smith, or any two, shall confer with Mr. Attorney-General and others of the Inner House that the new Inner Temple buildings in Parson's Court may not encroach on the lights of the Church nor the rights of this Society, nor prejudice the chambers of Mr. Walcott, Mr. F. Duffield, and Mr. John Troughton; and also to receive propositions concerning the seats to be new made in the Church.

Mr. Robert, son of Mr. William Barker, late Treasurer, shall be admitted for life only to the single chamber up three pair

of stairs on the east of the Temple Churchyard, lately let to Mr. G. Booth; without fine, being a Treasurer's son.

Mr. Eltonhead, Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Dighton, Chute, Bayles, Turnor, Smith, Beare, Hussey, George, and Fowell, or any three, are desired to settle the officers' wages and Laundress's allowance.

Messrs. W. Barker, Sands, and Smith, or any two, shall examine the accounts and demands of Mr. Chaloner, the late Steward, and settle the difference between him and George Eales.

Mr. Walter Smith is confirmed Steward, with the ancient vailes, wages, and allowances. He must give security.

Mr. Treasurer is to call Mr. Manley, the Library Keeper, before him, and place another in if he see cause. Meanwhile a padlock must be put upon the library door. Messrs. George and Sandes are to peruse the catalogue of books to see if all be there.

The new builders in Essex Court shall have the benefit of their contract for building.

No gentleman shall be entered or put up in the paper or certified for his call to the degree of the Utter Bar who has not done four exercises at least. Before any certificate is made, Mr. Treasurer must be shown the vouchers of such exercises and other qualifications. The Under-Treasurer must forbear giving certificates till this be done.

All persons entrusted with the receipt of revenue must give security by bond with a surety, by recognizance, or by mortgage of land.

Lord Pepys is to have thanks and a catalogue of the books which he gave the library. His kinsman, Mr. John Withers, who has done some exercises, will be called as of grace to the degree of the Utter Bar.

The following are called to the degree of the Utter Bar:—Messrs. F. Lucy, kinsman of Lord Fines, at his request, Thomas Proby, Thomas Sturges, Richard Baker, Joseph Kinge, and Edward Lowe.

Admissions:—22 May. Mr. Lawrence, eldest son of Alexander Hyde of Salusbury, Wilts, LL.D., specially; bound with ——; fine, 2*l*. 24 May. Mr. John, son and heir of John Plastowe, late of Rochester, Kent, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l*. 25 May. Mr. William Perrott to the

chamber of Messrs. Richard Evelyn and Thomas Henshawe in Middle Temple Lane, up four pair of stairs, on surrender by the former; fine, being the extinguishment of the last assignment, 20*s.* 31 May. Mr. John Guise to the chamber of Mr. Francis Dove, up four pair of stairs in Pumpe Court, on his surrender; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. Daniel Earle of the Utter Bar to the chamber, being the whole floor up one pair of stairs in the new buildings in Essex Court, for life and one assignment after; fine, being a builder, 4*l.* 15 June. Mr. Nicholas Gould to the chamber of Mr. Stewart Forster in the new buildings in Middle Temple Lane, up three pair of stairs, on his surrender; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* Arden Adderley, esq., son and heir-apparent of Sir Charles Adderley of Hams, Warwickshire, knt., specially; bound with Mr. John Byrch of the Utter Bar, and Edward, his son; fine, 4*l.* 16 June. Mr. Henry, son and heir-apparent of Thomas Cooper of Stroode, Sussex, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. William, son and heir-apparent of Henry Strudwick of Crouchland, Sussex, gent., specially; bound with his father and Mr. Henry Peckham of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.*

Parliament, 18 June, 1658.

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Fowell and Smith are to report upon the new buildings in Parson's Court to the next Parliament.

The committee concerning officers' wages are desired to report to the next Parliament.

Messrs. William Barker, Sands, and Smith are desired to report about the Steward's debts, etc., and to compose the matter between him and Eales by next Parliament.

Mr. Manley, the late Library Keeper, is to attend with his key at the library on Wednesday morning next at nine o'clock. Messrs. George and Sands will examine the catalogue with him. If he fail, the doors are to be broken open.

Mr. James Fitzgerald, a member of the Society, is confirmed as Library Keeper, and is to have the chamber next the roof over the library now in Mr. Manley's possession, with the fees which Mr. Manley had.

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Sands and Smith are desired to thank Baron Nicholas for his books.

Messrs. Dighton, George, and Fowell, or any two of them, are to examine concerning the surrender of Mr. John Hinton's

chamber in Elme Court and Mr. Colyer's admittance thereto; also to examine the Under-Treasurer's certificates of those who were proposed at the last Parliament in Easter term to be called to the Bar, as to what exercises they have done and whether they have paid all arrears, and to report to the next Parliament.

John Figes, a barber, shall have Mr. Ratcliffe's room at the upper end of Middle Temple Lane for seven years, at a rent of five marks; this grant to be void on non-payment of rent. The rent to be paid at "the feaste day of the Nativety of our Lord God and St. John Baptist."

Forty shillings is to be given to David Lewis in respect of his sickness and long service. (*Marginal note:*—Grave maker.)

Admissions:—22 June. Mr. Thomas, eldest son of Francis Offley of St. Mary Mawdelin's parish, Birmonsey, Surrey, esq., specially; bound with his father and Mr. Robert Offley of the Inner Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 24 June. Mr. James Codd to the chamber of Messrs. John Clobery and Perceval Hart, up four pair of stairs in Vine Court and into the garret or cock-loft immediately over it, on surrender by the former; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Thomas, second son of William Ward of Little Houghton, Northants, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* Mr. John Werden, by an Act of 25 Nov., 1655, to a single chamber or cockloft up three pair of stairs in the new buildings in the Churchyard, over the chamber of Mr. John Troughton of the Utter Bar, for life and one assignment after; no fine, being a builder. 25 June. Mr. William, eldest son of Edward Osborne of Chichester, Sussex, gent., specially; bound with Mr. Henry Peckham of the Utter Bar and Mr. Henry Cooper; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.*

Parliament, 25 June, 1658.

The committee for officers' wages are continued and desired to perfect their work.

The demands of the late Steward approved by the committee are allowed him for the benefit of such of his creditors as shall seem meet to the committee, having special respect to those whom any of those gentlemen who being desired to survey the market are (though but seemingly) engaged unto, whereof they are to certify the Treasurer. They are desired to perfect the matter of George Eales.

The committee for the library, with Messrs. Bayles and Smith added, are desired to perfect the library business and substitute such as they shall think fit to expedite the work, that the library may forthwith be opened.

Mr. J. Hinton's surrender of part of his chamber in Elme Court, and Mr. Colyer's admission thereto, being an abuse to the Society, are declared void. The chamber is to be disposed of to the use of the House. Mr. Colyer's five marks are to be returned.

Messrs. George, Proby, Sands, Fowell, Bayles, and Proctor, or any two, are desired to consider of the "raisure" of some of the rolls, "and of such chambers into which no admissions are," to take information from Mr. Treasurer and to report.

Mr. Jones is fined 5*l.* for the certificate and other misdemeanours, and enjoined to turn away his man, and to indemnify the House from the arrears which he falsely certified.

The mis-entry by the Butlers of exercises, and the tearing out the leaves of the buttery book, are referred to Messrs. Dighton, George, and Fowell.

The chamber lately belonging to Mr. R. Gardner shall be conferred on Mr. Page as a Bench Chamber.

At the request of the Lord Chief Justice Pepys, Mr. J. Withers, his kinsman, is remitted all his vacations and assignments as a Barrister.

No fine on the surrender of a chamber or part shall be under five marks. For consolidation the fine shall be increased proportionally. Chambers valued by the Treasurer at about 100*l.* shall pay not under 5*l.* for a fine.

Messrs. H. Peckham and J. Paine, both of the Utter Bar, are permitted to raise their chambers in brick to the height of Mr. Hall's chamber without prejudice to Mr. Hussey, and each shall have an assignment, paying five marks upon the extinguishment.

Gentlemen certified to pay their arrears are enjoined to pay them within a week.

The recognizance of Mr. Jones, the Sub-Treasurer, shall be enrolled this term. As he desires to resign his place, it shall be delivered to him to be cancelled on his "evening" his account. His other security is to be delivered to him.

26 June. Surrender by Mr. John Agar of his chamber in Brick Court, to which he was admitted 28 May, 1638.

Admissions:—28 June. Mr. John, eldest son of Moundeford Bramston of Little Baddow, Essex. esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 2*l*. Mr. John, eldest son of John Dolling of Dunsha[y], in the Isle of Purbeck, Dorset, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l*. Mr. Richard, eldest son of Nicholas Osborne of Cappah, Waterford, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l*. 10*s*. 26 June. Mr. Humphrey Hyde to a single chamber, the moiety of the whole floor, up four pair of stairs in Essex Court, looking towards the Thames, lately erected by Mr. John Agar, on his nomination, for life and one assignment after; fine, 3*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. 30 June. Mr. Thomas, eldest son of John Agar of the Middle Temple, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l*. Also on his father's nomination to the northern moiety of Mr. Hyde's chamber in Essex Court, for life and one assignment; fine, 3*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. Mr. William, second son of William Ruffin of Newport, in the Isle of Wight, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l*. 10*s*. Mr. John Orlibeare to the chamber of Mr. George Evelyn of the Utter Bar and Mr. John Kyrle, in the Garden Buildings, up four pair of stairs southwards, on his surrender; fine, 3*l*. 1 July. Mr. Edward, eldest son of Edward Mills of the Middle Temple, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l*. 7 July. Mr. Thomas, son and heir-apparent of John Shadwell of the Middle Temple, esq., specially; bound with his father and Mr. Francis Jermy of the Utter Bar; fine, 4*l*. 10*s*. Mr. Demetrius James to the chamber of Messrs. R. Fane and Thomas Medlicott, both of the Utter Bar, up two pair of stairs and a half in the north building in Pumpe Court westwards, on surrender by Mr. Fane's executors; fine, being the extinguishment of the last assignment, 3*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. 9 July. Mr. Edward, eldest son of Andrew Umfrevill of Farnam Royall, Bucks, esq., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l*. Christopher Pack, esq., son and heir-apparent of Christopher lord Pack of London, specially; bound with his father and ——; fine, 4*l*. 17 July. Mr. William, eldest son of John Milborne, late of Wonastow, Monmouthshire, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. Henry Milborne and Antony Maddison, both of the Utter Bar; fine, 5*l*. Mr. John, son of Walter Williams of Dingestow, Monmouthshire, esq., specially; bound

with ——; fine, 5*l.* 25 Oct. Charles Bertie, esq., fifth son of Mountague earl of Linsey, specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* 26 Oct. Mr. Thomas, eldest son of John Wynell of Bodmin, Cornwall, doctor of physic, specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.** 30 Oct. Mr. Joseph, fourth son of John Pratt of Lutterworth, Leicestershire, gent., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. James FitzGerald and Richard Osborne of the Inner Bar; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 1 Nov. Mr. Henry, son and heir-apparent of Bartholomew Hall, esq., a Master of the Bench, specially; bound with ——; no fine, being a Bencher's eldest son. 3 Nov. Mr. William, eldest son of Thomas Tomkins of the Middle Temple, esq., specially; bound with his father and Mr. Walter Williams of the Inner Bar; fine, 3*l.* Mr. William Hyley to the chamber of Messrs. N. Rayn-ton and John Porter, on the west side of Vine Court, up three pair of stairs and a half northwards, on surrender by the latter; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. Henry, eldest son of William Jeffreyes of Hoame Castle, Worcestershire, esq., specially; bound with Messrs. William Pawlett and John Verney of the Inner Bar; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 4 Nov. Mr. John, second son of William Batteley of Lembrick, Ireland, gent., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* 5 Nov. Mr. John, eldest son of John Higden of the parish of St. Clement's Daines, Middlesex, gent., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.*

Parliament, 5 Nov., 1658.

On reading the petition of Mr. Hinton's executors, the order concerning his surrender and Mr. Colyer's admission is confirmed. Those who possess the chamber under either of them, must avoid by the next Parliament.

Mr. John Guise's single chamber in Pumpe Court, up four pair of stairs, may be made a double chamber.

On the petition of the creditors of Mr. Chaloner, formerly Steward, the bond taken of him and his surety shall be applied to their relief, saving the obligees harmless.

Mr. Treasurer is to report to next Parliament concerning the petition of Major Philip Eyton.

Mr. Thomas Hurst, said to be a member of this Society,

* The name "Lechmere, E. ad." is in the margin here, but there is no corresponding entry.

who has turned a common bailiff or catchpoll, is to be summoned to attend Mr. Treasurer, who shall report to the next Parliament.

Mr. Henry Salmon, a member of this Society, a common practising attorney, is to be ordered to attend the next Parliament on account of his unseemly behaviour to Mr. Treasurer.

The petition of Mr. Smith, the Steward, is referred to Messrs. Reynolds, Georges, Bayles, and Smith, to report next Parliament.

Arrears of pensions and other duties must be paid, or chambers will be seized and bonds put in suit.

The Treasurer shall not dispose of chambers falling to the House till the next Parliament, that Masters of the Bench without Bench Chambers may choose according to antiquity.

The son of Mr. Stephens, deceased, an Associate of the Bench, is to be considered in the purchase of a chamber. Mr. Stephens' chamber now fallen to the House is remitted to Mr. Treasurer's disposal.

Mr. Reynolds, Sir Peter Ball, Mr. Eltonhead, Mr. Proby, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Turnour, and Mr. Smith, or any three, shall report to next Parliament the void chambers upon which there are no admittances.

To avoid petitions for gratuities, the following yearly wages are fixed:—

Mr. Chapman, Chief Butler	20*l.*
Mr. Smith, Chief Cook	13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*
Mr. Bucknall, Second Butler	12*l.*
Mr. Eales, Third Butler	6*l.*
Mr. Chaloner, Fourth Butler	6*l.*
Mr. Taylor, the Chief Washpot	7*l.*
Mr. Best, the Porter	15*l.* 10*s.*
Mr. Burford, the Pannierman	5*l.*
Mr. Best, the Turnebroach	5*l.*
Edmund Ball, Under Washpot	3*l.*
Elizabeth Ball, Scullion or Dishwasher	3*l.*

Chamber commons shall be duly collected for the benefit of the House, and a "termely" roll made thereof and of all who have chambers. Mr. Bucknall shall collect it.

Mr. John Dodderidge and Mr. Fr. Harvey shall be called to the Bench, paying 50*l.* each.

Mr. John Haggatt, chief justice of Caermarthen, Cardigan and Pembroke, shall be associated to the Bench.

Mr. John Georges, a Master of the Bench, is appointed to succeed Mr. Lechmere as Treasurer.

Admissions:—9 Nov. Mr. Peter Pett to the chamber of Messrs. George Whitmore and Thomas Culpepper, up four pair of stairs in the south-west corner of Elme Court, fallen to the House by the death of the former; fine, 40*l.* Mr. Arthur Sparke of the Utter Bar to the chamber of Messrs. E. Stroode, F. Jermy, and R. Day, in the Little Court, up one pair of stairs and a half, on surrender by the first; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. William Ruffin to the chamber of Messrs. Ar. Sparke and Ob. Grevill, on the south side of Vine Court, a ground chamber, on surrender by the former; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 13 Nov. Mr. Elias Ashmole to the chamber of Messrs. Thomas Henshawe of the Utter Bar and William Perrott, up four pair of stairs in Middle Temple Lane, on surrender by the former; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 15 Nov. Mr. Francis, eldest son of William Chaldecote of Shasberry, Dorset, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 15 Nov. Mr. Francis Buller, jun., of the Utter Bar, esq., to the late chamber of William Stephens, esq., Associate of the Bench, up one pair of stairs in Essex Court; fine, 5*l.* 20 Nov. Mr. William, eldest son of Thomas Chetwind of Heywood Park, Staffordshire, gent., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. Thomas Smith of the Utter Bar and John Birch; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* 22 Nov. Mr. St. John Hare to the chamber of Messrs. George Johnson of the Utter Bar and James FitzGerald, Library Keeper, in the Garden Buildings, up f[our] pair of stairs, on surrender by the former; fine, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 25 Nov. Mr. John, eldest son of Joseph Hunkyn of Lifton, Devon, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 5*l.* Mr. John Kyrle to the chamber of Sir Thomas Thynne of the Utter Bar, in the Garden Buildings, up four pair of stairs, on his surrender; fine, 3*l.* Mr. Henry, eldest son of William Constantine of the Middle Temple, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 2*l.* 10*s.* Mr. William, eldest son of William Carr of Westminster, esq., deceased, specially; bound with ——; fine, having been of Grayes Inn for two years, 2*l.* Mr. George, fourth son of Bernard Tanner of Court, Cornwall, esq., deceased, specially; bound with Messrs. John Buller of the Utter Bar and —— Tanner, his brother;

fine, 4*l.* Mr. Christopher, eldest son of Edward Broughton of Longe, Staffordshire, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Samuel Hyland to the chamber of Mr. Hill, in the south-west corner of Pumpe Court, the first story, on his surrender; fine, 5*l.* 26 Nov. Mr. Andrew, eldest son of Philip Nicholas of Llansoy, Monmouthshire, esq., specially; bound with ——; fine, 4*l.* 4 Dec. Mr. Ralf Gardner to the new chamber, up four pair of stairs, on the east side of the Temple Churchyard, lately a rent chamber, over Mr. George Booth's rent chamber, for life and one assignment after; fine, 43*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* (*Marginal note*:—Accounted for in Mr. Page's year, because then received.)

BOOK E.

Parliament holden 26 Nov., 1658.

John Georges, esq., Treasurer.

On notice given by Mr. Benedict Hoskins, a Master of the Bench, of the ill-health of William Jones, esq., Under-Treasurer, their Masterships accept his resignation, and his security will be delivered up to him when his accounts have been audited by Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Eltonhead, Page, Turner, Smyth, and Bayles. The choice of an Under-Treasurer is referred to next Parliament.

The Steward shall call every three weeks on gentlemen for money due for commons, and shall give to the Bench every term the names of those who refuse or delay payment, on pain of dismissal. Any gentleman going out of commons without satisfying the Steward shall be continued in commons, which shall be weekly accounted upon him till he has a discharge from the Steward.

Mr. Lake, a Master of the Bench, shall be admitted to the chamber of Mr. Thomas, a Master of the Bench, deceased, on an assignment, at the usual fine of 20*s.*

Mr. Edye, under Sheriff of Kent, shall pay the arrears of rent for his chamber in Watter L[ane], next to Mr. Browne, the barber's, lodgings, being 40*l.* for four years, or the chamber to be seized and he put in suit.

Major Eyton's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer to report.

Persons having leases must bring them in to Mr. Treasurer to be entered in the register. This order is to be set up in the Hall in the usual place.

Persons who have contracted for chambers and are not yet admitted, must procure themselves to be admitted, or Mr. Treasurer will seize their chambers.

Mr. Hurst, admitted as a gentleman of this Society, is reported to be "a common baylie." If he shall not sufficiently clear himself of it, he shall stand expelled.

Parliament holden 4 Feb., 1658.

The order concerning Mr. Edye is left to Mr. Treasurer to see executed.

On Mr. Treasurer's report, it is thought fit that Major Eyton repair to Mr. Parker for payment of his expenses in repairing the chamber, or to the gentlemen who bought it of Mr. Parker, and enjoy the benefit thereof.

The order for admittance into chambers made last Parliament is confirmed and made penal, under forfeiture of chambers into which no admittance shall be had by next Parliament. This order is to be fixed on the screen in the Hall.

Mr. Trot, paying his arrears, shall be admitted into his chamber for life, for such fine as Mr. Treasurer shall think fit.

Mr. Fawks, being first admitted of the House, shall have a grant of the ground chamber in the entry leading into Pump Court, at the discretion of Mr. Treasurer.

Notice must be given to Mr. Hurst to attend next Parliament to clear himself of the charge of being "a common baylie." On his refusal, he is to be expelled.

The order of 28 Jan., 1613, for reviving the ancient manner of debate in Parliament, was read by Mr. Treasurer and unanimously approved, viz.:—That none speak more than once on one matter in one Parliament on pain of losing his suffrage in every other case during that Parliament, unless required by the majority of the Masters of the Bench to explain anything said by him. Any one maintaining over long discourse, shall cease on silence being required by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall propose all matters to debate, and put the question. Matters for debate shall be delivered beforehand to the Treasurer, who shall propose them publicly. This Act shall be read by the Treasurer at the beginning of every Parliament. The following was added:—That Mr. Treasurer do require all animosity and passion to be forborne in the debates in Parliament.

Mr. Henry Proby, a Master of the Bench, shall have the chamber of Mr. Thomas Sands, a Master of the Bench, deceased, as a Bench Chamber.

Mr. Alexander Staples shall have the chamber of Mr. James Addems, deceased, in the little alley leading into the little Churchyard, as a Bench Chamber.

The 50*l.* deposited by Mr. Vyncent with Mr. Treasurer for a chamber, shall be repaid on his procuring a chamber.

No Under-Treasurer in future shall have an allowance of 2*s.* 6*d.* a day for surveying repairs or buildings. The sum of 28*l.* demanded for like services by Mr. William Jones, late Under-Treasurer, in Mr. Attorney Lechmore's account, shall be retrenched and repaid by Mr. Jones. Mr. Lechmore is desired to review the account to see if he can find anything else amiss in it. The Masters appointed to audit the account are desired to audit Mr. Jones's receipts and disbursements since Mr. Lechmore's Treasurership.

Upon the desire of the Inner Temple, Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Bagshaw, Deighton, Christopher Turner, and Smyth are appointed a committee to treat with Mr. Johnson for his consent that Mr. Dr. Bromewricke may be admitted Preacher to the Societies, without prejudice to any profit or accommodation which he now enjoys there; and to report his answer at the Bench table on Monday night at supper.

The debate touching the election of an Under-Treasurer is adjourned till Wednesday after supper.

Wednesday, 9 Feb. Mr. James Buck, a member of this Society under the Bar, was elected Under-Treasurer. (Four lines are here crossed out, with a memorandum that it was done by the Treasurer, by order of next Parliament.)

Parliament holden 11 Feb., 1658.

Mr. Buck's election as Under-Treasurer is confirmed. Mr. Treasurer shall take security from him by a recognisance of 1000*l.* penalty, and two bonds of 250*l.* each from two approved sureties. He shall then deliver to him all money in his hands or those of William Jones, esq., late Under-Treasurer, all books, deeds, evidences, books of orders and admittances, accounts, rolls, bonds, bills, surveys, and rentals belonging to the Society. Mr. Treasurer is to keep a schedule thereof, signed by Mr. Buck. Mr. Buck shall have the use of the old Parliament Chamber as long as the Lord Keepers of the Great Seal use the chamber properly belonging to the Under-Treasurer adjoining the new Parliament Chamber, and likewise the use of the study under the Hall stairs for keeping his books of account.

The committee appointed to audit Mr. Jones's accounts are desired to finish as speedily as they may.

Mr. Treasurer is authorised to sign a letter to Mr. Dr. Bromwrick, intimating the desire of the Societies to have him as Preacher.

Sir Peter Ball, Mr. Attorney Lechmore, Messrs. Hall, Beare, Eltonhead, Dighton, Smyth, or any two, shall inquire what lodgings belonged to former Masters or Lecturers, and report at next Parliament.

The admittance of Mr. William Constantine's son, one of the ancients of the Utter Bar, to the chamber late Mr. Thomas Bampfield's in Elme Court, shall be respited till Midsummer Term, and then to be only for life without assignment.

Mr. Richard Peare, an ancient of the Utter Bar, shall be admitted into the chamber in Bricke Court of Mr. Pister Hyde, a Barrister, and Mr. Clarke, on the death of the former, during life.

Mr. Weston's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report to next Parliament.

Mr. Gollop's petition, likewise.

On Mr. Bradford's petition, Mr. Treasurer is to have the records belonging to the late Court of Requests, now in a press in his chamber, placed in the presses in the old Parliament Chamber, and the Sub-Treasurer shall take care of them. Mr. Bradford must speedily pay his arrears of rent, and then he will be admitted into the said chamber for life if he please, for a fine to be fixed by Mr. Treasurer; otherwise Mr. Treasurer shall seize and dispose of the chamber.

The Masters of the Bench will give 5*l.* to Mr. Anthony Gearing, an ancient Barrister of the House, for his voyage to the Barbadoes, if he will bring one of the masters of the ship to certify Mr. Treasurer of the reality of his intended voyage.

Mr. Treasurer must report to next Parliament whether the 10*s.* due to Daniel Lewes the gravedigger has usually been paid out of the Treasury, and then their Masterships will take order for Mr. Playford's satisfaction.

Henry Byrd's petition will not be considered until he has paid the arrears of rent due to John Best the Porter for the shop under the gatehouse of the Middle Temple, which rent is assigned to the Porter.

The following are called to the degree of the Utter Bar:— Messrs. St. John Hare, William Beckett, William Young, Thomas Tyffyn, William Lisle, and John Collett; and William

Nutley, of special grace at the earnest request of Lord Lisle, one of the Lords Keepers of the Great Seal.

Parliament holden 29 April, 1659.

Sir Peter Ball, Mr. Attorney Lechmere, Messrs. Bagshaw, Eltonhed, Proby, Stephens, Staples, and Smyth, or any three, are desired to view the chambers of Mr. Chaloner Chute, a Master of the Bench, deceased, whether they are fit to make two Bench Chambers; and if so, to consider how to divide them.

Mr. T. Bampfeild shall be called to the Bench, paying 50*l.* according to a former order.

The committee to inquire what lodgings formerly belonged to the Master or Lecturer, is continued.

The petition of Mr. Browne, the barber, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to make such order as he shall think fit.

The allegations of Mr. Weston's petition are referred to Mr. Treasurer, Sir Peter Ball, Mr. Eltonhed, Mr. Dighton, and Mr. Smyth, or any three, to report the truth to next Parliament.

Unless Mr. Bradford pays his arrears and procures his admission before next Parliament, Mr. Treasurer shall seize the chamber.

Mr. Playford shall have 40*s.* paid him for the 10*s.* paid by him for the last four years to Daniel Lewes the gravedigger.

The accounts of Mr. Jones the late Under-Treasurer, for last year, are referred to Mr. Attorney Lechmere then Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

The arrears of duties from Mr. Dodderidge, late a Master of the Bench, are referred to Mr. Treasurer, to moderate all but commons.

The chamber, fallen by Mr. Dodderidge's death to the House, shall be conferred on Mr. Fowell, as a Bench Chamber.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to examine how the name of Mr. Talbot Pepys, a Master of the Bench, came to be left out of the rolls, and for how long. All his arrears are expected to be paid before the end of this term. The Treasurer is desired to write to him.

On Mr. Fowell's motion, and as a favour, Mr. J. Maynard is called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Parliament holden 13 May, 1659.

Mr. Solicitor Reynolds shall have Mr. Chute's Bench Chamber, with the additional buildings, which shall be severed therefrom when they fall to the House again.

All Bench Chambers now double shall be divided when they fall to the House again, for the accommodation of Masters of the Bench who have no chambers.

Mr. Paige, a Master of the Bench, shall have Mr. Solicitor Reynolds' chamber; Mr. Proby, Mr. Paige's chamber, late Mr. R. Gardiner's; Mr. Staples, Mr. Proby's chamber, late Mr. Sands'; and Mr. Bayles, Mr. Staples' chamber, late Mr. James Adams', as Bench Chambers.

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Bagshaw, Beare, Eltonhed, Bayles, Turner, and Smyth, or any three, are to enquire what chambers were heretofore Bench Chambers, and what is a fit number, and to report to next Parliament. This order is not to prejudice an order of 5 Nov., 1658.

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Beare, Bayles, Turner, and Smyth, or any three, are to enquire how the chambers late held in his own right by Mr. Chute, late a Master of the Bench, are disposed of, and to report to next Parliament.

The same committee are to consider whether it is fit to abate Mr. Eady's arrears of rent, and to report to next Parliament.

William Burford, the Panyerman, according to an order made 5 June, 1657, is granted 5*l.* a year during pleasure, to leave his place, and to be paid 5*l.* when another is there. Mr. Treasurer is to find out a fit man.

Mr. Buck, Under-Treasurer, having not long been admitted into his chamber with an assignment, and been at very much charge about it, is granted an assignment in the admission of him to whom he shall sell or assign it.

The committee to enquire what lodgings belonged to the Master or Lecturer, are continued.

Mr. Weston, who deposited 25*l.* on behalf of Mr. R. Rogers, shall be repaid 20*l.*, 5*l.* being deducted for commons and other duties due by Mr. Rogers. This 20*l.* is in full satisfaction of all claim to the chamber late Mr. Rogers', now sold to Mr. Markham.

The name of Mr. Talbott Pepys, a Master of the Bench,

shall be entered on the rolls from the time that it has been left out, and so continued. He shall pay all arrears upon the said rolls before the first day of next term.

Mr. Bradford shall pay all arrears of rent due for his chamber and procure himself to be admitted before the first day of next term, or his bond to be sued and his chamber seized.

Arrears of all commons and duties due by those who have chambers, shall be paid to the Sub-Treasurer by 3 June, and in future at the end of every term punctually. The chambers of those one whole year behindhand, and of those long discontinuers whose arrears come near the value of their chambers or parts, shall be seized and disposed of. In the case of those similarly failing to pay who have no chambers or parts, they shall have their bonds sued after the year's expiration. All long discontinuers, and those already one year in arrear, shall be sued forthwith. This order is to be fixed on the screen. Mr. Treasurer and the Under-Treasurer are required to put it in execution next term.

Mr. Treasurer and the Under-Treasurer, with the attendance of the officers, shall survey all the chambers in the House, taking exact account of the present possessors, and whether of the Society or not, and by what right and rent and under whom they live, to report at next Parliament.

Mr. John, eldest son of Mr. William Barker, a Master of the Bench, in regard of his long admittance, is of grace called to the degree of an Utter Barrister, and dispensed with to perform his exercises hereafter.

The accounts of Mr. Jones, late Under-Treasurer, are allowed. His securities shall be delivered to him on his giving to the present Under-Treasurer all moneys, books, papers of account, rolls, surveys, tables of chambers, rental bonds and bills in the keeping of himself or John Minors, his servant.

Parliament holden 10 June, 1659.

The admissions of Mr. Thomas Latham of the Utter Bar and Mr. William Cutler into chambers held in his own right by Mr. Chute, late a Master of the Bench, drawn up and signed by him when Treasurer, shall be entered in the book of admittances in the Registry, as they ought to have been immediately the admissions were signed. Messrs. Latham and Cutler shall each pay 20s. fine.

Mr. Maurice Eady shall be admitted for life to the chamber now in his possession and lately held by him at a rent, on paying 50*l.* for all arrears of rent and for a fine, and all other duties due by him upon any of the rolls.

Mr. Burford, the Panierman, is to have 5*l.* when another is put in his place, and twenty nobles a year during pleasure. Mr. Treasurer is desired to find a fit person for the place, and also to be gardener, for the usual fees and 10*l.* yearly salary,

Mr. Treasurer is desired to send to Mr. Talbott Pepys a note of duties due by him upon any of the rolls, and to desire a speedy answer.

The butlers who collect money upon the rolls shall give security before the rolls are delivered to them. In default, the rolls are to be delivered to the Chief Butler to collect, and he shall have poundage.

Mr. Hoskins, a Master of the Bench, shall have the Bench Chamber late of Mr. James Adams.

Unless Mr. George Bradford pays within three days after notice all arrears of rent for a chamber which he holds at 6*l.* yearly rent, Mr. Treasurer shall seize and padlock it. If the arrears amounting to 21*l.* are not paid before next Parliament, he shall be expelled.

The order made the last Parliament of last term for payment of pensions, commons, and other duties, and set on the screen, shall be again fixed on the screen. Those failing to obey before 18 June shall incur the penalty in the order.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to proceed speedily with the general survey.

The list of Bench Chambers presented at this Parliament shall be entered into the Book of Orders in the Registry. Bench Chambers not in this list and in the possession of Masters of the Bench shall be added thereto. Twenty-seven chambers shall be allowed for Bench Chambers. No chambers "in the House dispose" shall be disposed of without order of Parliament until twenty-seven Masters of the Bench are accommodated. The chambers now in the possession of Lord Whitlocke, Lord Lisle, and Mr. Solicitor Reynolds are declared double Bench Chambers. When they fall to the dispose of the House, they shall be severed.

The names of the Bench Chambers, 1640.

In Bricke Court:—1. Mr. Lane. 2. Sir Peter Ball. Both now in possession of Lord Whitlocke. 3. Mr. Puleston's, now in possession of Mr. Bartholomew Hall. 4. Mr. Francklin's, now in possession of Mr. Hussey. 5. Sir Lawrence Hide's, now in possession of Sir Peter Ball. 6. Mr. Swayne's, now in possession of Mr. Talbot Pepys.

Essex Court:—7. Mr. Bagshawe's, still in his possession.

In the Garden:—8. Mr. Whitacre's, now Mr. Job Dighton's. 9. Mr. Hutchins, now Mr. Georges' chamber.

Over the building by the Hall:—10. Mr. Parker's. 11. Mr. Brerewood's, both in possession of Lord Lisle.

Elme Court:—12. Mr. Townesend's, now in possession of Mr. Lechmere. 13. Mr. Hatton's, now in possession of Mr. Eltonhed. 14. Mr. Latham's, now in possession of Mr. Barker.

Pumpe Court:—15. Mr. Coniers', now in possession of Mr. Beare.

Vine Court:—16. Mr. Beare's, now in possession of Mr. Page. 17. Sir John Strode's, now in possession of Mr. Solicitor Reynolds.

Chambers added to the Bench, heretofore not Bench Chambers.

Essex Court, Pumpe Court.—Mr. Proby's, late Mr. Gardiner's.

Middle Temple Lane.—Mr. Staple's, late Mr. Sands'; Mr. Fowell's, late Mr. Dodderidge's.

Inner Temple Lane.—Mr. Hoskin's, late Mr. James Adams'.

Chambers lost.

In the new building in Essex Court, Whitlocke and Hoskin's chamber.

In the Garden, Mr. Serjeant Eltonhed's, now the Library.

In the Temple Lane, Serjeant Bramston's, now Browne the barber's.

In the Long Gallery, one chamber, late Mr. Greene's.

Sir Peter Ball, Mr. Eltonhed, and Mr. Smith are desired to ask Mr. Johnson the Minister positively whether he will continue in his place, and if not, when he will leave.

Mr. Vere Bertie is called to the degree of the Utter Bar of grace and favour.

Laurence Maydwell, esq., an ancient member, shall be admitted for life to the chambers fallen to the House by the death of his son, Henry, paying 5*l.* fine.

On the petition of Mr. Spire, grocer, it is referred to Mr. Treasurer to examine whether the wares delivered by him for Candlemas day and Ascension day, 1657, were paid for either to Mr. Challoner, then Steward, or to Spire. If not paid for, they are to be paid for out of the Treasury.

The owners of a chamber three pair of stairs high towards Pumpe Court, over Mr. Robert Henley; of a chamber five pair of stairs high up the same staircase towards Elme Court; and of the chamber next over Mr. Beare, a Master of the Bench, towards Pumpe Court, are fined 40*s.* each for throwing out foul papers and water, which has sometimes lighted upon the heads and apparel of gentlemen of this Society and others. If any refuse, his chamber shall be padlocked, and if the fine be not paid by the end of term, Mr. Treasurer shall dispose of the chambers.

Parliament holden 17 June, 1659.

The admission of Mr. John, second son of Mr. Thomas Latham of the Utter Bar, specially, drawn up and signed by Mr. Chute, then Treasurer, but not entered in the book of admissions, shall now be entered there, he paying the fine of five marks. He shall have seniority from the date of the admission.

Unless Mr. Maurice Eady within a week pays 50*l.* for arrears of rent for his chamber and for an admittance for life, according to the contract by him made, and also duties owing upon any rolls, the contract shall be void, and Mr. Treasurer is to seize and dispose of his chamber, and put Eady in suit for the arrears of rent. If admitted, he shall give a bond for payment of commons and duties.

Edmond Ball, a washpot, is chosen Panierman in place of William Burford, and also to be Gardener in place of Howse, with 10*l.* salary and the usual fees. He may execute the place of gardener by himself or deputy.

By order of 10 June, Mr. Treasurer shall require Messrs. Swanton and W. Hilliard to pay 40*s.* each, fine for throwing foul papers and water out of their windows. On refusal, the chambers are to be padlocked. Account thereof to be given on Monday night.

A gift of 5*l.* is given to Mr. Martin, an ancient Utter Barrister, fallen into distress.

Mr. Spire, grocer, shall be paid out of the Treasury 4*l.* 12*s.* for grocery wares delivered on two grand days, All Saints and Candlemas, 1657, it appearing that wares for grand days have been usually paid for out of the Treasury.

Mr. Rochester, a very ancient Barrister, and having no companions to sit with him at the ancient table, is dispensed with for coming into commons. He is not to be charged with commons, but is to pay duties upon other rolls.

Mr. R. Gardiner, being kinsman to Mr. Treasurer, is called of favour to the degree of the Utter Bar.

All the gentlemen of the Utter Bar are fined ten groats each for their neglect of attendance at this Parliament. A roll shall be made thereof. Messrs. T. Shadwell, N. Archbold, and P. Hart are freed from the fine, being the only persons who attended.

Adjourned till Monday after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 20 June, 1659.

Dr. Bromwricke shall have 50*l.* paid him for his labour and pains in Easter and Trinity Terms. A tax of 100*l.* for his salary will be considered at next Parliament. It is proposed that new rolls shall be made for a collection, wherein Masters of the Bench shall be taxed 3*s.* a term, Masters of the Utter Bar 2*s.*, every gentleman having a chamber or part 1*s.* 6*d.*, and gentlemen admitted to the Society but having no chamber 1*s.* Such rolls are to be made for Easter and Trinity Terms for Dr. Bromwricke, and hereafter termly as long as he continues Preacher.

Mr. Swanton's fine of 40*s.* is postponed to next Parliament.

Parliament holden 4 Nov., 1659.

New rolls shall be made for a collection for Dr. Bromwricke as Preacher of the Societies of the Temple, as above, and delivered to one of the Puisne Butlers, who is required to use all diligence in collecting the money.

Since there are not now in town a sufficient number of Masters of the Bench of the lower form to sit upon moots and perform the exercises of the House; although this was not a Parliament of attendance, their Masterships have called to the Bench Messrs. W. Constantine and T. Chafe, who paying

50*l.* each are to be forthwith summoned to the Bench, and to be in commons and attend the exercise of the House.

Mr. Collett shall have the Bench Chamber of Mr. Dighton, deceased.

Mr. Page, a Master of the Bench, is chosen to succeed Mr. Georges as Treasurer at the end of next Parliament.

The petition of William Jones, esq., late Under-Treasurer, for 28*l.*, accrued by 2*s.* 6*d.* a day for surveying buildings and works, is referred to Messrs. Page, Staples, Bayles, and Turnor, or any three, to report to next Parliament.

The difference between John Best, the Porter, and the children of Henry Bird, late tenant of a shop under Middle Temple Gate, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to obtain something from Best for the said children. Best is to have possession and the "dispose" of the shop, as Mr. Treasurer shall direct.

Concerning the petition of Mr. Drake, an upholsterer, to be paid half his bill for furniture for Dr. Bromwricke's lodging, Messrs. Eltonhead and Smith are desired to confer with the Masters of the Inner House.

The Under-Treasurer, or his servant, shall call upon gentlemen in arrears for prompt payment, and give an account next Parliament.

Their Masterships are well pleased with the Under-Treasurer for diligence in extraordinary services never before done by an Under-Treasurer, and at the next Parliament will consider his pains in making a survey of the whole House and summing up the arrears.

Parliament holden 18 Nov., 1659.

Mr. Jones, the late Under-Treasurer, is given 10*l.* for surveying buildings mentioned in Mr. Lechmere's account.

Mr. Drake, the upholsterer, is to prepare a duplicate inventory of the goods supplied by him to Dr. Bromwricke's lodgings, to be signed by both Treasurers. When the Inner Temple has paid one half, the Middle Temple will pay the other.

The Under-Treasurer is allowed 20*l.* for making a survey, etc.

Mr. Johnson shall have 10*l.* for preaching and otherwise officiating since Michaelmas last, and 10*l.* more as a gratuity. Mr. Treasurer is desired to acquaint the Treasurer of the Inner Temple herewith.

Messrs. Eltonhead and Smith are desired to propose Mr. Buck to the Masters of the other House to supply Mr. Johnson's place as Lecturer and Preacher; if they do not agree, to offer that Mr. Buck may officiate till next term; and to inform them that this House will allow no more for a Lecturer's salary than the other House do.

Messrs. Georges, Staples, and Smith are desired to find out from Mr. Buck what duties he will perform as Lecturer.

The call to the degree of the Utter Bar is suspended till next term.

Ordinary commons shall be continued from the end of this term to the beginning of next, allowing commons to no more officers than those whose attendance is necessary, unless Mr. Treasurer shall find the number of gentlemen in commons so few that he thinks fit to break up commons. No grand Christmas shall be kept, but the same allowance shall be given as formerly for the encouragement of those gentlemen who keep commons in Christmas time.

On Mrs. Barrett's petition, unless Mr. Browne, the barber, pays her the year and a half rent due to her for his shop before the beginning of next term, Mr. Treasurer is to deliver the shop to her. Mr. Bayles is desired to mediate with her for some abatement to him for the 10*l.* which he alleges Mr. Bayley should have paid him out of the money which he received upon the sale of Mr. John Verney's chamber.

Mr. Verney's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to examine him and Mr. Jones, late Sub-Treasurer, and report to next Parliament.

David Lewis, the gravemaker, shall have 20*s.* as a gratuity.

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Hall, Eltonhead, Bayles, and Smith, or any three, are desired to audit the last Treasurer's accounts.

Adjourned till Tuesday next after supper.

Parliament holden 3 Feb., 1659.

Messrs. Eltonhead, Staples, and Smith, or any two, are desired to view the ground petitioned for by Mr. Bulstrode, of the Inner Temple, and to report at next Parliament.

The Treasurer's account for last year, on the auditors' report, is approved. The 10*l.* for 120 days' personal attend-

ance in surveying buildings and workmen is allowed to the Under-Treasurer. In future the succeeding Treasurer shall be desired to be present at the audit, that if exception be taken to any of the particulars, he may the better know what is fit to be done by him in his year. A book shall be provided for entering the Treasurer's account the term after it is allowed. The Treasurer for the time being shall take care that it is entered, and the disallowance of any particulars is to be entered in the margin. The Under-Treasurer shall be allowed 10*s.* a year for doing thereof.

The order of 5 Nov., 1658, fixing the wages of officers, shall be put in execution. No officer shall solicit Mr. Treasurer for any gratuity.

Messrs. Bagshaw, Eltonhead, Barker, Smith, and Constantine, or any three, are desired to consider the orders about compounding for vacations or duties in arrear, and to report to next Parliament what vacations and duties are to be compounded for, and at what rates; how and by whom the absent weeks' commons of gentlemen having chambers and not in commons the grand week in the term, shall be collected; and to enquire how the money collected for chamber commons has been disposed of.

Sir Peter Ball and Mr. Attorney Hall are desired to attend the judges on Monday next, and to report on Monday before supper what propositions they shall receive from them.

Any laundress or other person throwing water or other filth out of windows, or laying dust, soil, or ashes under the wall in Middle Temple Lane between the passage into the Brick Court and the post at the entrance into the Hall Court, shall be immediately expelled.

Mr. Treasurer shall confer with the Treasurer of the Inner Temple, acquaint him with the orders made for removing families and women, and ask that like orders may be made in the Inner Temple. He shall also report at next Parliament what families and women are now lodging in this House.

Parliament holden 9 Feb., 1659.

Mr. Bulstrode's petition to enlarge his study by building over some waste ground belonging to the Society is denied, because it would darken a Bench Chamber held by Mr. Staples, a Master of the Bench. Mr. Staples may build over the ground.

On report of the committee about compounding, the order of 11 Oct., 1639, shall be put in execution. Vacations and assignments in respect of the degree of the Utter Bar shall not be compounded for till they are forfeited, and then not without consent had in open Parliament. Mr. Treasurer may compound for duties arising upon the rolls of the House with special cause, except pensions, minister's roll and officers' roll, which are not to be compounded for. In such compositions Mr. Treasurer is desired to have special regard to the good of the House.

An order of 13 April, 1649, shall be revived, that gentlemen having chambers in the House are required to be in commons one whole week in the term, or if absent a full week in any term, shall pay that week's commons wherein the commons are highest. A termly roll shall be made, and Mr. Treasurer shall appoint the collector. The money shall be paid into the Treasury.

Against next term, the whole arrears for chamber commons shall be put into one termly roll, carried on from term to term upon every gentleman's head so absent, and not cut out till all arrears are paid. This roll must be made by the Under-Treasurer this vacation, and as it will be great labour collecting on one roll the sums from termly rolls since April, 1649, their Masterships will consider him for his pains.

Sir Peter Ball is added to the committee to consider the state of commons. They are desired to enquire of the Steward how the money received for absent commons is disposed of; to enquire into the state of commons and how anything which they find amiss may be remedied; and what officers are necessary to be kept in commons in vacation times. They are to report at next Parliament.

Messrs. F. Dove, R. Offley, R. Bertie, F. Withins, W. Poulett, and M. Driver, having performed their exercises and being of full time, are called to the degree of the Utter Bar; and also, of grace, Messrs. F. Winington, J. Ward, J. Werden, W. Rushton, A. Chambers, J. Orlebarre, N. Brooke, and R. Napper, who have done their exercises and want only a little time.

Mr. R. Cockes, depositing 50*l.* in the Treasury till he has a chamber, is called to the same degree of grace and favour.

The Under-Treasurer shall not make any certificate for, or propose in the paper of those who stand for the Utter Bar,

any one who is not of full seven years' time and done four exercises, three at least in this Society.

Messrs. Georges, Staples, and Smith are desired to acquaint the Inner Temple that this House complies with their desire for Dr. Gauden to supply the Bishop's place; that they choose Mr. Buck to supply Mr. Johnson's place, and will meet on Tuesday next after supper to settle Mr. Buck in the Church; to which time the Parliament is adjourned.

Parliament holden by adjournment 14 Feb., 1659.

Mr. Treasurer may compound with Messrs. J. Ward and R. Napper, who allege reasons why they cannot attend the keeping of their vacations for perfecting their degree of the Utter Bar, for their vacations but not for their assignments. The composition not to be under twenty marks each.

Mr. Best, the Porter, shall have 5*l.* as a gratuity for his labour in these times of trouble. Henry Freeman shall have 40*s.* for attendance at nights at the gate assisting the Porter since Michaelmas.

The admission of Mr. R. Smith into the third part of the uppermost chamber up the Hall back stairs being drawn up and signed by Mr. Pepys when Treasurer, shall be entered in the book of admittances, as it ought to have been when signed, the fine reserved upon the admittance being forthwith paid.

On the petition of Mr. Browne, the barber, showing that he had paid all arrears of rent to Mr. Bayliffe's executrix, under whom he holds a shop and chamber, though part of the room was taken from him about five years since for the House's use, and had agreed with her for her remaining interest therein, 2½ years; Mr. Treasurer shall make him a lease, as he is an old servant of the Society, of the said shop and chamber for 21 years if he live so long, at 8*l.* a year rent, to commence after the said term. His present interest shall be saved to him.

Parliament holden 18 May, 1660.

Mr. Browne, the barber, may put his son William's name in the lease of his shop instead of his own.

Mr. Ratcliffe shall be called to the Bench, paying 50*l.*, to take place according to his seniority, but duly to attend commons and perform exercises according to his call now. Mr. G. Yard may come to the Bench, paying 50*l.* Mr. G.

Clobery shall be called to the degree of the Utter Bar at next Parliament, in consideration of his late eminent service to the public. Mr. J. Worsley shall be called to the same degree of grace and favour, on paying his duties and depositing 50*l.* till admitted into a chamber.

On report of the committee, money collected for chamber commons shall be paid into the Treasury, not to the Steward. For the ease of gentlemen who keep commons in vacation time, in pursuance of an order made 21 Nov., 1651, no officers shall attend in vacation except the Puisne Butler, the Panierman, who is also to be washpot, the Cook or his man, and the turnspit, to be dish washer. Commons shall be allowed to them only, and no allowances of bread and beer as formerly demanded.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Staples, Bayles, and Smith, or any two, shall require any gentlemen in arrears upon the rolls or not admitted into their chambers, to pay their arrears and be admitted; and in default to seize the chambers.

Parliament holden 1 June, 1660.

According to an order of 18 May, Messrs. J. Ratcliffe and G. Yard are declared called to the Bench, and Mr. G. Clobery to the Utter Bar. Mr. J. Worseley is not called to that degree.

Sir Peter Ball and Mr. Turner are added to the committee for collecting arrears, etc.

Sir Jeffery Palmer, His Majesty's Attorney-General, shall be called to the Bench, paying 50*l.* Mr. Treasurer is desired to acquaint him therewith. Mr. E. Waldron shall be also called, to take place according to his antiquity, without being required to perform exercises otherwise than according to his antiquity, paying 50*l.* Messrs. Reynolds, Hall, and Lechmere not having yet paid their 50*l.* on their call, are required to do so.

The Masters of the Bench being very desirous to accommodate Sir Jeffery Palmer with a Bench Chamber, desire Mr. Treasurer to ask Mr. Reynolds to give way to him, and they will accommodate him with part of the chambers late in possession of Lord Lisle.

Women and families are to remove before the first Parliament of next term and not to return. If they delay, Mr. Treasurer is desired to enforce the order of 24 Nov., 1654.

On Mr. Whorwood's petition to be called to the degree of the Utter Bar, Mr. Treasurer is desired to report at next Parliament what exercises he has done, what duties he owes, and whether he is possessed of a chamber in his own right.

Mr. Sawyer's petition is referred to Sir Peter Ball, Mr. Hall, Mr. Treasurer, Mr. Bayles, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Smith, or any three, who are desired to report at next Parliament what chambers have been sequestered, how these have been disposed of, what benefit came thereby to the House, in whose possession they now are, what arrears they were in when sequestered, etc.

The Parliament is adjourned till Tuesday next at 5 P.M. to consider the title of Mr. Woodford's chamber. Notice must be given to Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Woodford to attend.

Parliament holden by adjournment 5 June, 1660.

Mr. T. Whorwood is called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

The petition of Messrs. Duffield, Troughton, Ruddiard, and others of the darkening of their chambers by the Inner Temple building in Parson's Court, and of the danger to their chambers from the decay of a chamber in the same building as theirs, in the possession of the Inner Temple, is referred to Mr. Treasurer and Messrs. Georges and Smith. They are to confer with the Treasurer of the Inner Temple about purchasing the ruinous chamber, and to report next Parliament.

The Steward's petition is referred to next Parliament.

Parliament holden 29 June, 1660.

The committee about arrears is continued.

The Under-Treasurer shall wait upon Sir Robert Reynolds and Mr. Hall for their 50*l.*

On Sir Bulstrode Whitlocke's free offer, Sir Jeffery Palmer shall have his chambers as Bench Chambers. Mr. Treasurer shall acquaint him therewith. When the chambers return to the House's disposal, they shall be made two Bench Chambers again.

Sir Bulstrode Whitlocke shall have the chambers late Mr. Eltonhead's as a Bench Chamber. Mr. Treasurer shall thank him for accommodating Sir Jeffery Palmer.

On report of the committee on sequestered chambers, it appears that Mr. Laurence Hyde's chamber was disposed of by

the House and made part of the Library. The chamber in Inner Temple Lane in possession of Mr. Hoskins as a Bench Chamber shall be disbenched; and Mr. Hyde shall have it in recompense for his said chamber.

Messrs. Beare, Staples, Bayles, and Turner, or any two, are to enquire into the great abuses in the kitchen and buttery, and to consider how commons may be reduced to a certainty by the week. For the better discovery of the said abuses, Mr. R. Wright and P. Packer of the Utter Bar and two gentlemen under the Bar, named by Mr. Treasurer, are desired to survey the affairs of kitchen and buttery for a week, and to make proposals for amending former miscarriages and settling commons at a certain rate.

For reimbursing the Steward the money that he is out of in apparells, the roll for absent commons shall be delivered to the Steward to collect. He shall retain half, and pay the rest to the Treasury.

Mr. Hyder's petition is referred to Messrs. Beare, Bagshawe, Staples, Hoskins, Bayles, Turner, Smith, and Harvey, or any four, to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Whorwood's case is referred back to the committee for sequestered chambers. The Benchers' determination is suspended till the first Parliament of next term, so that Mr. A. Jermyn may be heard. The committee is desired to summon Mr. Jermyn before them. Mr. Ward is to give him notice.

Mr. E. Sayer's case is referred to the same committee. They are desired to call before them Mr. W. Young, now in possession of the chamber claimed by Mr. Sayer; to report at the first Parliament of next term.

The same committee is to examine how Mr. John Martin's chambers near the great gate in Middle Temple Lane have been disposed of, to confer with Mr. Hussey, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Georges, Smith, and Walrond, or any two, are desired to treat with the Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple about buying a ruinous chamber on the east of the Churchyard, now in possession of the Inner Temple, which endangers the chambers belonging to this House; or to settle it so that the decay may be amended; and also to get reparation for the gentlemen who have suffered in their lights from the building in Parson's Court.

On Mr. Wadlowe's petition, he has leave to open the ground in Sir Bulstrode Whitlocke's garden to amend a drain for conveying the water from his house to the common shore in Middle Temple Lane, now obstructed; but he must do it forthwith, and leave the garden in as good or better state than now.

Mr. Edward Turner, of the King's Counsel, and Attorney to the Duke of York, shall be called to the Bench, taking precedency next to Mr. Attorney-General and the Queen's Attorney, paying 50*l.*

Mr. Frederick Hyde is called to the Bench, paying 50*l.*

The chambers late in the possession of Commissioner Lisle shall be made three Bench Chambers. Mr. Fowell shall have the chamber over the Hall porch, late Mr. Brerewood's; Mr. Hoskins those late Mr. Cotes'; and Mr. Whitmore those next over the Parliament Chamber, late Mr. Parker's; to hold severally as Bench Chambers.

The chambers now in the possession of Sir Robert Reynolds shall be divided into two Bench Chambers. Messrs. Stephens, Walrond, and Smith, or any two, are desired to see how they may be divided, and to report at next Parliament. Sir Robert Reynolds shall have his choice, paying 50*l.*

Mr. Treasurer is to advise with workmen concerning the improvement of Mr. Proby's chamber in Essex Court, which is very damp and unhealthy, because lower than the ground on both sides.

Parliament holden 6 July, 1660.

The committee to consider of gentlemen in arrears is continued.

Mr. Fowell shall be added to the committee for examining abuses in the kitchen and buttery, etc. They are desired to report on Monday night next.

On report of the committee concerning the differences between Messrs. Hyder and Andrewes, it is ordered that the partitions lately set up in the outward chamber between Hyder's and Andrewes' chambers shall be taken down; that Mr. Hyder shall enjoy his part of the said outward chamber, and of a little chamber looking towards the Thames, in common with Mr. Andrewes, according to his admission. Mr. Andrewes has a fortnight given him to remove his writings before the partitions are taken down.

The committee concerning the ruinous chamber of the Inner Temple, etc., is continued.

On report of the committee on Sir Robert Reynolds' chambers, they shall be divided into two Bench Chambers as follows:—one consisting of all the chambers of a floor from the going up out of Vine Court, except the furthermost over the end of the Cloisters towards the Church, and the other the said furthermost chamber up one pair of stairs from the going up out of the Churchyard, with all the new building over it. Sir Robert Reynoldes shall have his choice, paying 50*l.*, and Sir Edward Turner the other.

Mr. John Martin's petition is referred to the committee for sequestered chambers, to examine how his chambers and goods have been disposed of. They are desired to confer with Mr. Hussey, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Whitmore, a Master of the Bench, may transfer his chamber, with the assignment, to any gentleman of this House.

The ground chambers in Essex Court, late Mr. J. Cockes' and now Lord Richard Boteler's, shall be consolidated, Lord Richard paying double duties.

Mr. T. Whorwood, being lately called to the degree of the Utter Bar, to which he might long since have been admitted, may compound for his vacations and assignments.

Mr. Bagott's petition is referred to the committee for sequestered chambers as to the goods mentioned therein; but the Bench cannot grant his petition for admission to part of the chamber, late Mr. Edward Leake's, on a private contract made between them twenty years ago.

Mr. Singleton's petition is referred to the same committee.

David Lewis, the grave-maker, shall have 20*s.* gratuity.

Parliament holden by adjournment 9 July, 1660.

Sir Robert Reynolds must pay his 50*l.* and choose his part of the chambers within a week, or Sir Edward Turner shall have his choice. If this be not done, Mr. Treasurer shall seize all the said chambers, settle Sir Edward Turner in the part which he chooses, and keep the other till further orders.

Mr. Treasurer shall desire Sir Bulstrode Whitlocke to remove his goods and furniture in a week to accommodate Sir Jeffrey Palmer with the chamber. The possession of the

chambers shall be delivered to Mr. Attorney-General within the same time.

The money claimed by the Steward for apparells, 13*l.* 15*s.* 3*d.*, shall be paid him out of the Treasury. Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Bagshawe, Walrond, and Smith, or any two, are desired to consider the best means of reducing commons to a certainty per week. If this Steward will not undertake it at a certainty, they must try to provide another for the place. They must consider whether it be requisite to require the Butlers to undertake at a certain rate for the buttery, and the Steward for other commons, the commons to be paid for beforehand as formerly.

The order made last Parliament concerning Mr. Martyn shall stand. Mr. Fowell, when he leaves the chamber, shall deliver the keys to Mr. Treasurer, who is desired to hang a padlock on the door for better securing the goods therein.

Mr. Treasurer has leave to compound with Mr. A. Sparke for the vacations which he has forfeited, and for his last assignment.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to rebuild the ruinous chamber on the east side of the Churchyard if the Inner Temple will sell their interest in it, or bear their part of the expense. If the chambers of any gentleman are enlarged or bettered, he shall contribute.

Sir Peter Ball, Sir Edward Turner, Mr. Treasurer, and Mr. Smyth, or any two, are desired to accommodate Sir Thomas Fanshawe with a place for keeping the records belonging to the Exchequer Office, and to treat with him concerning it.

A gratuity of 10*l.* shall be given to Mr. Ogilby for the great Bible now presented by him.

Parliament holden 2 Nov., 1660.

The committee for reducing commons to a certainty is continued. Messrs. Hoskins, Bayles, Yard, and Constantine are added thereto. They are desired to report at next Parliament, and to consider the Steward's petition for apparells.

Mr. J. Martine shall be restored to his chamber in Middle Temple Lane and his goods remaining there, paying arrears of duties not remitted by orders.

The committee to accommodate Sir Thomas Fanshawe is continued.

The order for purchasing a ruinous chamber of the Inner Temple is continued.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Bagshawe, Staples, and Anthony Barker are desired to confer with those who have interest in the old buildings on the west side of Essex Court, about new building, and to report at next Parliament.

Sir Anthony Morgan, knt., and Mr. Elias Ashmole, are of grace called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

When Mr. Serjeant Beare shall remove from his Bench Chamber, Sir Edward Turner shall have it. Mr. Hoskins shall have the chamber in the Churchyard, before appointed to Sir Edward, as a Bench Chamber. Mr. Bayles shall have the chamber near the Hall, appointed to Mr. Hoskins, for a Bench Chamber. Mr. Walrond shall have the little room near Bricke Court, now in Mr. Bayles' possession, till he be accommodated with a Bench Chamber.

Sir Richard Hatton may transfer his chamber with an assignment to Sir John Evelyn's son, he paying 10*l.* fine for his admittance.

Mr. Bagshawe, a Master of the Bench, is appointed to succeed Mr. Page as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Mr. Thomas Nevill shall be readmitted into the moiety of a ground chamber in Bricke Court, paying a reasonable fine.

Mr. John Pay's petition to be restored to his chamber in the Churchyard, which he pretends was sequestered and disposed of without his surrender, is referred to Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Bagshawe to report at next Parliament.

Adjourned till Friday next, 6 P.M.

Parliament holden by adjournment 9 Nov., 1660.

Sir Edward Turner, Messrs. Bagshawe, Hoskins, Walrond, Smith, Proctor, and Constantine, or any four, are appointed a committee to consider concerning the choice of a Reader, and are desired to find out what other Inns of Court have agreed upon concerning readings; to consider the desires of the gentlemen of the Bar now presented; and to report on Friday next at 6 P.M. The committee will meet on Monday after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 16 Nov., 1660.

Mr. Yard shall be added to the committee to consider of readings. They are desired to meet on Monday next. The Under-Treasurer shall request Messrs. Mundy, Allen, Turner, and Ryves, the next four ancients of the Bar in commons, to meet the committee then. They will report on Tuesday night after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 20 Nov., 1660.

Adjourned till Thursday after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment Nov. "2th" (22), 1660.

Mr. Thomas Mundy is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Richard Allen for the Summer. The Under-Treasurer is to give them notice. Their Masterships have declared that they will consider of all ways for their ease, accommodation, and encouragement.

Parliament holden 23 Nov., 1660.

The ordinary commons shall be kept from the end of this term to the beginning of the next, allowing commons to no more officers than are necessary. No grand Christmas shall be kept, nor gaming suffered in the Hall; but for encouragement to those who keep commons in Christmas time, their Masterships are pleased to allow 12*l.* as formerly.

The order for accommodating Sir Thomas Fanshawe is continued.

Messrs. Bagshawe, Page, and Smith, or any two, are desired to treat with the like number of the Inner House about repairing or purchasing the ruinous chamber before mentioned, and for recompensing those who have suffered by the building in Parson's Court.

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Bayles and Smith are added to the committee about new building the west side of Essex Court.

The committee for reducing commons to a certainty is continued, and desired to report at the first Parliament of next term.

The Steward shall be paid 17*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* for apparells in last Long Vacation.

Mr. Henry Milborne is chosen Reader for next Summer.

He shall have a *salvo jure* of his antiquity to Mr. Mundy, who is to read next Lent. Mr. Georges is desired to write to Mr. Milborne to know his mind therein.

On the petition of Messrs. Bedell and Collins, tenants of a shop near the great gate, the lease of which is near expiring, they shall have a new lease for twenty-one years from Michaelmas last at 21*l.* 10*s.* yearly rent, with a proviso allowing their Masterships to rebuild or repair the great gate during the lease.

Sir Peter Ball and Sir Edward Turner are desired to peruse Mr. Berringer's answer to the bill exhibited against him in Chancery by this Society, that the suit may be effectually prosecuted, and Wadlowe, who is made a party, compelled to answer. They are also desired to require Wadlowe to make good the paving in Middle Temple Lane. If he does not do this in a fortnight, the drain which he has lately made through ground belonging to this House, will be stopped up.

Mr. Worsley's petition is referred to the committee for sequestered chambers.

Mr. Burford, late Panierman, and Lewis, the gravedigger, have 40*s.* each given them on account of their long sickness, and William Stephens 3*l.*

Mr. Leonard Simpson, chosen Reader at New Inn last term, is fined 20*l.* for default, unless he show cause to the contrary by the first Parliament in next term. The Under-Treasurer must leave a copy of this order at his chamber.

Mr. Thomas Whorwood shall be restored to his chamber forthwith.

A reward of 20*l.* is given to the Under-Treasurer for carrying out the order of 9 Feb. for collecting arrears for absent commons into one roll, for other services in finding out chambers into which gentlemen were not admitted, and for discovering a release from one and a surrender from another gentleman who had petitioned to be restored to their chambers as sequestered.

The Under-Treasurer must discover about the chambers, duties, exercises, and times of admission of Messrs. A. Denton, R. Norwood, J. Verney, W. Tracy, J. Crowther, A. Blackwell, A. Cholwich, N. Raynton, and F. Dickins, to be considered on Monday night after supper as affecting their call to the Bar.

Parliament holden by adjournment 26 Nov., 1660.

Mr. William Boghurst's petition complaining of Mr. William Smalwood, a gentleman of this House, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Messrs. Hussey, Georges, Staples, Bayles, and Walrond, or any three, are desired to audit Mr. Treasurer's account for last year.

Mr. Walrond is added to the committee for arrears.

Next term a roll of collection shall be made for the four Serjeants last called, viz. Serjeants Turnor, Beare, Parker, and Hyde, taxing every member at 3*s.* 4*d.*, according to ancient custom.

Messrs. A. Denton, W. Tracy, A. Cholwich, R. Norwood, J. Verney, and J. Crowther are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Mr. Crowther shall not be published till he has paid his arrears. Messrs. Tracy and Cholwich shall not be published till they have procured themselves to be admitted into chambers and discharged all duties due by them. Unless they do this by the end of term, they shall not be called. Messrs. N. Raynton and S. Proctor are called to the same degree, of grace and favour.

Previous orders that vacations and assignments in respect of the degree of the Utter Bar shall not be compounded for till they are forfeited, and then only with consent of open Parliament, shall be revived.

None shall hereafter be called to the degree without having performed exercises according to ancient orders.

The petition of Mr. James Ward of the Utter Bar is referred to Mr. Treasurer, who is to report at the first Parliament of next term. The order for Mr. Whorwood's restoration is to stand.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Hussey, Bayles, and Walrond, or any two, are appointed a committee to propose to the Masters of the Bench of the Inner House Dr. Ball and Dr. Hardy as Preacher.

The order of last Parliament for the choice of Readers for next Lent and Summer is confirmed, with a *salvo jure* of antiquity to every ancient who shall read after them.

Parliament holden 1 Feb., 1660.

The order on Mr. William Boghurst's petition is continued, and Mr. Treasurer is desired to settle the matter complained of if he can.

Mr. Treasurer's account is allowed. Mr. Treasurer is desired to call before him the officer who receives the linen from the Sub-Treasurer and take account of divers dozens of napkins delivered to him and now wanting.

The committee for arrears is to be a standing committee.

If Mr. Andrew Cholwich pays his duties before the end of term, he shall be published according to his call to the degree of the Utter Bar last term; but if he shall again fail, their Masterships will declare that he is not called.

The complaint of Mr. Silas Titus that his chamber was sequestered and that Mr. Andrew Blackwell is now in possession, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

On report of the committee that Mr. Richard Worsley was seized of part of an uppermost chamber in Middle Temple Lane, which heretofore was sequestered from him and sold by the House to Mr. Verney; Mr. Treasurer is to examine what sum was paid on the sale, and to speak with Mr. Verney.

Orders of last Parliament against compounding for vacations and assignments in respect of the degree of the Utter Bar, and for performance of exercises, shall be fixed on the screen in the Hall.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Walrond and Smith are to propose to the Bench of the Inner Temple Dr. Griffith as fit to be Preacher of the Temples in the afternoon; to consider a fit maintenance for him, and to report next Parliament.

The Reader in the Temple Church shall have 5*l.* more a year allowed him from the Treasury of this House.

Mr. Alexander Jermyn shall pay back to Mr. James Ward what he received for a chamber sold by him to Mr. Ward, it proving to be Mr. Thomas Whorwood's chamber, to which their Masterships have lately restored him. If Mr. Jermyn be in town, he shall pay before next Parliament; if not, before the first Parliament in next term. Mr. Ward shall give a copy of this order to Mr. Jermyn. If Mr. Jermyn refuse, their Masterships will consider further.

Mr. Thomas Mundy having accepted the Readership for

this Lent, shall be required to read only a week, which shall be judged a complete reading. Mr. John Turner is appointed Verger, and required to attend to-morrow in the Hall. The Under-Treasurer is to give him notice.

Parliament holden 8 Feb., 1660.

A former order is revived, that all who receive linen from the Sub-Treasurer or his servant shall give him a receipt and an account thereof, and pay for what is lost without excuse. Also, as untrue excuses have been made of linen lost at some of their Masterships' chambers, they forbid any to be brought to any of their chambers.

If Mr. Boghurst pay the commons due by Mr. W. Smalwood, 2, to the Steward, Mr. Treasurer has power to vacate the surrender by Mr. T. Bradgate of his chamber in Vine Court; but in default Mr. Treasurer shall seize the chamber for Mr. Smalwood's duties.

Notes of arrears having been long since left at the chambers of Messrs. M. Biddulph, T. Allicocke, T. Conningsby, J. Rivers, and H. Clerke, and no notice having been taken of them, Mr. Treasurer is ordered to padlock up the chambers.

Mr. Treasurer has power to admit his son into part of a chamber in Pumpe Court, void by the death of Mr. R. Turner.

Dr. Griffith shall be allowed 80*l.* a year by this House for preaching in the afternoon upon every Sunday and other preaching day, if the Masters of the Bench of the Inner House will allow the like sum. The former committee is to confer with the Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple on the matter.

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Bayles, Walrond, and Smith, or any two, are desired to examine what chambers formerly belonged to the Masters of the Temple, and inform Sir Geoffrey Palmer, Sir Peter Ball, and Sir Edward Turner thereof, who are to treat with the Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple on the matter. They shall further consider where the Master and the Preacher in the afternoon may be accommodated with convenient lodgings for their residence in this House.

The Treasurer, Messrs. Hall and Smith, or any two, are desired to see what prejudice is done to Mr. Beckett's chamber by building a kitchen from the Hercules Pillars, by darkening the north lights thereof; also to inquire what other nuisances

are done by the said alehouse to the gentlemen whose chambers are thereabouts; and, if their Masterships see cause, to request the Lord Chief Justice of England for the suppressing of the said alehouse.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to write to Mr. Alexander Jermyn, enclosing the order of last Parliament for his making satisfaction to Mr. James Ward for the money received of him for a chamber. Mr. Ward shall have possession of a chamber lately held by Mr. W. Hylliard at a rent *de bene esse* in the meantime.

The orders for Mr. Treasurer to examine the claims of Mr. Sylas Titus to a chamber in Inner Temple Lane, and of Mr. R. Worsley to a chamber in Middle Temple Lane, are continued. He is desired to see what arrears they are in for duties.

Mr. Thomas Mundy, chosen Reader for Lent, is confirmed. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. John Turner, John Ryves, James Scudamore, John Barton. *Latin.*

Mr. Henry Milborne is fined 20*l.* for not reading, and Mr. Richard Allen 10*l.* *Latin.*

Mr. John Turner was chosen Reader for next Summer.* *Latin.*

A gratuity of 5*l.* shall be given to Mr. Gery, an ancient Barrister of this House, fallen into great poverty.

Parliament is adjourned till Monday next after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 11 Feb., 1660.

Considering the long sickness of Mr. Smith, Chief Cook, and the petition of John Webb, his servant, Webb shall continue in his said master's employment till further order.

The petition of Henry Twyford for a lease of the stationer's shop in Vine Court, whereof he has long been tenant, after the expiration of the time of Mr. Bayliffe's executors therein, is referred to Mr. Treasurer to report at the first Parliament next term.

John Best, the Porter, is allowed 40*s.* for his pains and attendance by reason of gaming at the Inner Temple last Christmas.

Mr. Ellis Mew's petition to be admitted to a chamber in Pumpe Court, heretofore Mr. J. Stutvill's, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at the first Parliament next term.

Mr. P. Bowes shall be proposed at the first Parliament next term in order to his call to the degree of the Utter Bar.

* "Tempore autumnali," in the text.
"Summer Reader," in the margin.

The order about the ruinous chamber in the Churchyard, in possession of the Inner Temple, and for repairing damage done to lights of chambers by the Inner Temple building in Parsons Court, is continued.

Stewards for the Lent Reader's feast:—Messrs. William Eltonhead, Balthazar Beare, Thomas Freake, George Dowdeswell. *Latin.*

Messrs. Walrond, Smith, and Yard are appointed a committee to attend the Lord Chancellor with the last order made for electing Readers for next Lent and Summer; and to acquaint him with the representation under the hands of the gentlemen of the Bar, now delivered to their Masterships, and to desire his further direction therein.

Adjourned till Thursday next after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 14 Feb., 1660.

On report of the committee which attended the Lord Chancellor, the orders are confirmed for electing Mr. Thomas Mundy Lent Reader, and Mr. John Turner Summer Reader, and the Cupboardmen and Stewards. Mr. John Turner is called to the Bench, and the Under-Treasurer shall give him notice thereof.

The petition of Mr. Jonathan Barfoote, tenant of St. Dunstan's Tavern, complaining of the jetting of a study in the building over Middle Temple Gate, over some part of the tavern, is referred to Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Bayles.

John Webb shall continue Chief Cook in place of Mr. Smith, lately dead.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Bayles, Walrond, and Mundy, or any two, are desired to examine the Steward's petition, and, if they see cause, to order the payment of his apparells out of the Treasury. They are also to consider of means for reforming the abuses in the buttery, and how commons in the buttery may be reduced to a certainty by the week.

Parliament holden 10 May, 1661.

Unless Messrs. T. Allicocke, T. Conesby, J. Rivers, and H. Clerke pay their arrears before next Parliament, Mr. Treasurer shall sell their chambers. This order shall be fixed on the screen.

Messrs. Georges, Page, and Fowell are added to the committee about the Master's lodgings. They are to propose to

the Inner Temple that Dr. Griffith shall have the use of the Lecturer's lodgings.

Messrs. P. Bowes and E. Ceeyll are of grace called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Messrs. T. Syderfin and T. Swinton shall be proposed at next Parliament in order to their call.

Mr. Treasurer shall inform himself by Mr. Jones, late Under-Treasurer, or any other way, why Mr. R. Worsley's chamber was seized by the House and for how long, and what rent the House has received for it; to report at next Parliament.

John Webb is confirmed as Chief Cook.

Messrs. Georges, Fowell, Stephens, Smith, Proctor, Constantine, and Lechmere, or any three, are desired to consider how the business of readings may be reconciled within this Society, and to propose some expedient for effecting thereof; to report on Tuesday next after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 14 May, 1661.

On the petition of Alexander Brome, gent., tenant under this Society of several houses in Mayden Lane, which were the gift of Charles Cockes, esq., for charitable uses, setting forth that one Abercrony, a Scotchman, had obtained a lease from the King of the said houses, which was about to pass under the Great Seal, but on his solicitation the Lord Chancellor retained the lease, and appointed Tuesday, 21 May, at 6 P.M., to hear this cause; Sir Peter Ball, Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Walrond, Smith, and Mundy, or any two, are desired to attend to defend the House's title. The petitioner will meantime give information.

Messrs. Fowell, Constantine, and Lechmere, or any one, are desired to peruse the answers of Messrs. Berringer and Wadlowe to the bill exhibited in Chancery against them by this Society, and to direct the Under-Treasurer whether to reply or to set down the cause for hearing upon bill and answer.

The apparells which arose in Michaelmas vacation last shall be paid to the Steward forthwith.

A gratuity of 40*s.* shall be given to Mr. Andrew Paulett, an ancient member, now in great poverty.

Adjourned till Friday night, when Sir Peter Ball is desired to be present.

Parliament holden 24 May, 1661.

The order about the chambers of Messrs. T. Allicocke, T. Connesby, and J. Rivers is put off till the first Parliament of next term.

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Georges, Hall, Bayles, Smith, Yard, and Constantine, or any three, are desired to examine what chambers the Masters of the Temple have had either as lodgings or as income; to treat with the Inner Temple about restoring them, or giving the Master satisfaction for them; to consider where the Master and Lecturer may be provided with residence; what sum shall be given them presently, what stipend, and other matters; and to report at next Parliament.

Messrs. T. Syderfin, T. Swinton, C. Ward, and J. Parsons are of grace called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Also Mr. J. Smith, at the Lord Chancellor's desire.

As Mr. William Barker, who had not practised the law, was called to the Bench as a particular respect and favour, and is now sixty-six years old; he shall not be required to read, but shall be continued of the Bench.

Messrs. Georges, Hall, Page, Staples, Fowell, Collet, and Whitmore, because of their great age and infirmity, are dispensed with for reading, and have a *salvo jure* of antiquity when any of them shall please to read.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to write to Sir Robert Reynolds that he is elected for next Summer Reader, and to send the letter by a special messenger that an answer may be had by Monday night. He shall also write to Mr. Hoskins that their Masterships think fit that he should read next Summer or Lent following, according to Sir Robert Reynolds' answer.

Adjourned to Monday next after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 27 May, 1661.

Mr. Richard Worsley shall be restored to part of a chamber whereinto he was formerly admitted in Temple Lane, paying for necessary repairs and for arrears of duties, while the chamber was continued in his name and before any rent was received for it.

Mr. John Verney, who bought both parts of the said chamber, shall be repaid out of the Treasury 25*l.*, being half what he paid. He shall keep possession till it be paid him.

The Steward's petition for 31*l.* 3*s.* for apparells in the last week of Hilary Term last and the vacation following, is referred to Messrs. Bayles, Yard, Constantine, and Mundy, or any two. They are further to consider how the abuses in the buttery and kitchen may be rectified; and to report at next Parliament.

On the petition of Mr. John Buller of the Utter Bar, he may transfer his chamber in Elme Court to Mr. John Entwisle with an assignment, on Mr. Buller's paying 20*l.* before Midsummer.

Henry Freeman's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer, who, if he sees cause, shall pay him his wages out of what is due from the House to Mrs. Smith.

At Mr. Mundy's request, the admittances of Messrs. William Wagstaffe and William Averye in the time of his reading, shall stand good, but this is not to be a precedent.

Mr. Mundy shall have the Bench Chamber, late Mr. Proby's, in Essex Court.

Adjourned till Tuesday after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 28 May, 1661.

On reading Sir Robert Reynolds' letter, alleging many things in excuse of his reading and offering a free resignation of his Bench Chamber, the said resignation is accepted. Further debate about him is postponed till next Parliament.*

Parliament holden 21 June, 1661.

The petition of Mr. James Ward and the claim of Mr. Marcellus Rivers to a part of a chamber in Inner Temple Lane is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Thomas Coningsby's petition is also referred to Mr. Treasurer, to make some abatement for commons if he sees cause; otherwise the former order concerning his chamber to stand.

On report of the committee, the Steward shall be paid 31*l.* 3*s.* for apparells in the last week of Hilary Term and the vacation following. The report of the committee for redressing abuses in the kitchen and buttery shall be debated at next Parliament.

Unless the arrears of Messrs. E. Mills, S. Ady, J. Prescot,

* He died soon after.

and J. Burton are paid before next Parliament, the Treasurer shall padlock up their chambers. Copies of this order shall be left at their chambers.

The committee to treat with the Inner Temple about the Master and Lecturer is continued till next Parliament.

Mr. Hoskins, in respect of his infirmities, and Mr. Prestwood, because of his age, infirmities, and the distance of his abode from London, shall be dispensed with for reading, having a *salvo jure* of antiquity when they please to read.

The petition of Jeremy Gregory, watchmaker, to be admitted immediate tenant to the spectacle shop at the great gate, whereof Widow Alt, his mother, is now tenant, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

On Mr. Thomas Agar's petition, that he had contracted with Sir Thomas Fanshawe for the third floor of the brick building on the west side of Essex Court, whereinto Sir Thomas' two sons are admitted with assignments, and praying to be admitted into the same with the like assignments, and that three rooms of the said two chambers may be consolidated for his better accommodation; they cannot gratify him about the assignments, it being contrary to the orders of the House, but Mr. Treasurer is desired to report about the consolidation at next Parliament.

Mr. Leonard Simpson of the Utter Bar was elected Reader at New Inn in Trinity Term, 1660, and fined 20*l.* for default. Mr. Francis Barrell of the Utter Bar states that in the same term he bought Mr. Simpson's part of his chamber, being his chamber-fellow, for 30*l.*, not knowing that he was elected Reader at New Inn; and that on Mr. Simpson's failure, he was chosen and performed reading for the rest of the year. He prays that a gentleman nominated by him may be admitted to the chamber, notwithstanding the fine imposed on Mr. Simpson. This is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden 28 June, 1661.

The Master and Lecturer shall have 20*l.* each from the Treasury for the present. Messrs. Georges, Fowell, Bailes, Yard, and Constantine, or any two, are desired to inform themselves about the revenues and chambers of the Masters, make a case and state it to Mr. Attorney-General, that he may treat with the Inner Temple. They are also desired to give directions

how to proceed further in the House's suit against Messrs. Berringer and Wadlowe.

Mr. Marcellus Rivers, or his nominee, shall be admitted into the moiety of a chamber in Inner Temple Lane, late his brother's chamber, and fallen to the House by his death, for 20*l.* Mr. Ward's petition for a chamber shall be farther considered.

On reading Lady Reynolds' letter, the consideration of the 50*l.* deposited by Sir Robert Reynolds is referred to the first Parliament of next term.

Three rooms on the third floor in the brick building on the west side of Essex Court shall be consolidated, and Mr. Thomas Agar admitted thereto to hold as one chamber.

On Mr. Treasurer's report, Mr. Francis Barrell shall be required to pay only 5*l.* of the fine set upon Mr. Leonard Simpson for failing to read at New Inn, but that 10*l.* fine shall remain upon Mr. Simpson.

On the petition of Mr. John Martin, an ancient Barrister, he shall have 5*l.* as a charitable gift; and old William Best, 40*s.* as a gratuity.

Mr. John Paine of the Utter Bar, chosen Reader for New Inn, if he read personally in term time, has leave to read by deputy in vacation, on account of his important business in the country.

Sir Francis Hollis, knt. and bart., Mr. F. North, and Mr. M. Drew are of grace called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Mr. Lake was chosen Reader for next Summer, and Mr. Mundy his Assistant. *Latin.*

Messrs. James de Grey, Robert Grove, John Parker, and George Underwood are appointed Stewards. *Latin.*

Mr. Thomas Lake shall be required to read but a week for next Summer reading, and he shall not have above ten men to attend him during his reading. For his better accommodation and encouragement, he shall forthwith have the late Sir Robert Reynolds' Bench Chamber, and the 50*l.* deposited by him returned. For this reading he shall not be required to keep a table in the Hall at suppers, but to give exceedings in the Hall to the gentlemen then in commons, according to ancient course.

Messrs. A. Barker, Smith, Ady, and Proctor are chosen Cupboardmen for this Summer reading, with liberty to perform

the service by deputy. Whether they shall read or no, shall be further considered.

Parliament holden 1 Nov., 1661.

The committee formerly appointed is desired to view the plot of ground between the wall of Middle Temple Lane and St. Dunstan's Tavern, for which the House is now in suit; and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. John Paine of the Utter Bar is fined 20*l.* for failure to read at New Inn, unless he show good cause for his default before next Parliament. A copy of this order to be left at his chamber.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to view the shop at Middle Temple gate vacant by Widow Alt's death, and to report about the petitioners for it to next Parliament.

The Steward's petition for 31*l.* 12*s.* for apparells in the last Long Vacation is referred to Messrs. Bayles, Walrond, Yard, Constantine, and Mundy, or any two. The same gentlemen are also desired to treat with the Steward and Butlers concerning reducing commons to a certainty by the week.

No officer shall use in the kitchen or carry thither any linen provided for the Hall, on pain of 20*s.*

Parliament is adjourned till Friday evening next. Mr. Treasurer is desired to ask Mr. Attorney-General whether he will take the office of Treasurer.

The admittances of Messrs. Christopher Lambe, Michael Beaver, and William Johnson, specially admitted by Mr. Lake during his reading, are allowed, and shall be entered in the book of admittances.

Parliament holden by adjournment 8 Nov., 1661.

Sir Geoffrey Palmer, His Majesty's Attorney-General, is chosen Treasurer to succeed Mr. Bagshawe at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Mr. Hoskins was chosen Reader for Lent, and Mr. Stephens for the Summer. *Latin.*

Adjourned till to-day week.

Parliament holden by adjournment 15 Nov., 1661.

The propositions made by the Butlers for easing commons are referred to the committee appointed by last Parliament

to consider how commons may be reduced to a certainty; who are desired to see what security they offer for making good their propositions, and to report next Parliament.

Unless Mr. W. Fryth's arrears of rent and duties are paid before next Parliament, Mr. Treasurer shall padlock his chamber.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to write to Masters not in town who have made excuses for not reading and been passed over, to ask whether they will read or no. If they continue to refuse, they may be continued associates. Masters who have not read must be demanded to read, and those in town to be at the next Parliament. Those who refuse and whose excuses are accepted, are declared associates.

On reading and debating several letters from Mr. Hoskins and Mr. Stephens, the order of 8 Nov. is adhered to.

As to sitting upon moots in the Hall, Mr. Lechmere shall be the Puisne of the upper form of Masters.

The little room in the passage into Bricke Court shall be annexed to Mr. Walrond's own chamber.

Parliament holden 22 Nov., 1661.

Mr. John Paine's excuse for not reading is disallowed; he is fined 20*l.* more for his failure this term, and required to perform the service next term and at the Lent reading, on pain of 40*l.* increase of fine.

On Mr. Treasurer's report, Jeremy Gregorie shall be admitted tenant to the spectacle shop at Middle Temple Gate for as long as Mr. Treasurer shall think fit, at 10*l.* a year. He shall not let the shop without licence.

The House will proceed in their suit against Mr. Berringer. Sir Peter Ball and Mr. Georges are desired to draw interrogatories for examining witnesses next vacation. Mr. Serjeant Beare is to be asked for observations strengthening the House's title.

The Butlers' propositions for ease of commons and the Steward's petition are referred to the same committee, to meet on Tuesday and to report on Wednesday night after supper, to which time Parliament is adjourned.

The special admittances of Messrs. Lambe, Beaver, and Johnson by Mr. Lake during his reading shall, as a favour to him, stand good, but the Chief Butler is absolutely forbidden to

solicit the like of any Reader hereafter. The order of 8 Oct., 1614, is revived, that every Reader shall have one admittance allowed him, or 5*l.* in lieu thereof; and if he admit any more, he shall answer all such fines as have been paid for such admittance, except noblemen, knights, etc.

Masters who are declared associates shall continue their chambers unless some of the Readers shall want chambers; and then the matter will be further considered.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to view a rent chamber in the Churchyard, whether Mr. W. Frith has laid out 30*l.* on its repairs, and if so to abate something of his arrears of rent. If the chamber is now out of repair, he must take course to compel Mr. Frith to pay his arrears.

Messrs. Stuart Foster and George Booth are called to the degree of the Utter Bar, and Sir Thomas Culpepper and John Worsley of grace to the same degree.

Messrs. Hussey, Georges, Walrond, and Mundy, or any three, are desired to audit Mr. Treasurer's account; and also to examine what goods belonging to Bench Chambers have been embezzled. Masters of the Bench are desired to bring in an inventory of the House goods in their chambers before next Parliament.

No grand Christmas shall be kept, nor gaming suffered in the Hall, but 12*l.* is allowed as formerly for the encouragement of those who keep commons at Christmas.

Parliament holden by adjournment 27 Nov., 1661.

On the petition of Mr. Thomas Dove of the Utter Bar, he shall be admitted into the chamber of Mr. Francis Dove, deceased, paying 30*l.* fine.

Mr. James Ward of the Utter Bar shall be admitted for life into the chamber he now has *de bene esse;* 30*l.* shall be paid him, which, with an admittance, is in satisfaction for the chamber which he bought of Mr. Alexander Jermyn, to which Mr. Thomas Whorwood was restored. The House shall prosecute Mr. Jermyn in Chancery in Mr. Ward's name.

The proposal of Mr. Maurice Eady to double floor and new wainscot his chamber, now damp and dark, and to make new windows, in return for an assignment, is referred to Messrs. Yard, Constantine, and Mundy, or any two.

On report of the auditors, Mr. Treasurer's account is allowed.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to write to Mr. Hoskins that his silence is taken for consent to be the next Lent Reader.

Messrs. John Turner and John Ryves shall be called to the Bench.

Dr. Griffith shall have 20*l.* for his pains in preaching.

The Steward's apparells for the last Long Vacation are to be forthwith paid.

Messrs. Wright and Packer of the Utter Bar and two gentlemen under the Bar are desired to survey the whole affairs of the market, kitchen, cellar, and buttery for the first two weeks of next term, and to make proposals for reducing commons to a moderate and certain rate by the week.

Messrs. Walrond, Bayles, and Mundy, or any two, are desired to treat with Mr. Lane about being Steward and taking commons at a certainty of 8*s.* a week, and that a letter be sent to him asking him to attend their Masterships.

The chambers of Messrs. R. Sheldon and J. Crowther are consolidated, being very little and strait for two; Mr. Crowther being admitted, paying double duties.

As Messrs. James de Grey, Robert Grove, and John Parker, chosen on 28 June, 1661, stewards to Mr. Lake in his reading last Summer, have not attended that service or paid their 10*l.* each to the Steward of the House towards the charge of the Reader's feast; their bonds shall be put in suit forthwith.

The accounts of the last reading week shall be signed at 13*s.* a man, and the overplus to be borne half by the Cook and half by the Butlers.

Mr. Attorney-General shall be attended with the case and proofs concerning the revenues and chambers formerly belonging to the Master of the Temple, most of which is now in possession of the Inner Temple and converted by them to their sole use, yet this House has an equal interest therein. Mr. Attorney is desired to acquaint my Lord Chancellor if he see cause.

Mr. Burford, William Stevens, and Henry Freeman shall have a gratuity of 40*s.* each.

The proposal of Mr. William King of the Utter Bar to double floor his chamber and repair the chimneys in return for an assignment, is referred to Messrs. Yard, Constantine, and Mundy, or any two, to report at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 31 Jan., 1661.

The committee for abuses in the kitchen, etc., is desired to report at next Parliament.

Messrs. Staples, Lake, Bayles, Walrond, and Constantine, or any three, are desired to inquire about the revenues and chambers of the Masters of the Temple; to send for Mr. Jeoffryes, servant to Mr. Masters while Master; to ask the Clerk who have been buried in the Temple, and what sums have been paid for burial-ground since 28 Dec., 1660; and to report at next Parliament.

Dr. Griffith shall be allowed 20*l.* a quarter for the time he has taken pains in the Temple, and 40*l.* thereof shall be paid out of the next money coming into the Treasury.

Although Mr. Frith cannot have laid out money on his chamber for a long time, 5*l.* shall be abated of his arrears; but if not paid by next Parliament, the chamber shall be padlocked and seized.

Masters of the Bench are desired to give in an inventory of House goods in their chambers before next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to write to Mr. Jermyn to urge him to make satisfaction to Mr. Ward for the chamber sold by him.

The order on Mr. Eady's petition is continued till next Parliament.

The Treasurer's account is allowed.

Mr. Balthazar Beare shall pay 10*l.* disbursed by the Steward for him as one of the stewards in Mr. Mundy's reading.

The 10*l.* charged upon Mr. Robert Grove as steward to Mr. Lake in his reading shall be paid by the House, on his alleging his service and sufferings for the King, and that he has had no chamber nor resided in the House for many years, and does not now follow his profession. The 10*l.* charged upon Messrs. James de Grey and John Parker as stewards for the same reading, shall be considered next Parliament, and meanwhile the suits against them to stay.

Mr. Bennet Hoskins, next Lent Reader, shall be required to read but a week, to begin the first Sunday in Lent, and end on Friday after; to have ten men in livery to attend him, and not to exceed twelve; to have the 50*l.* deposited by him returned; and not to be required to keep a table in the Hall at suppers, but to give exceedings to the gentlemen then in commons.

His Assistants are Messrs. Mundy and Lake. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen :—Messrs. Stephens, Bayles, A. Barker, Ady. *Latin.*

The names of six gentlemen of the Utter Bar, and six under the Bar, having chambers in the House, or lately in commons, shall be presented at next Parliament for appointing stewards for the Reader's feast.

The keeping of a grand Christmas, contrary to an order of last Parliament, and the disorders that followed thereon, shall be considered at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 7 Feb., 1661.

The committee about abuses in the kitchen and buttery is continued, and desired to report at next Parliament.

Mr. W. Fryth's rent chamber shall be forthwith seized and disposed of, and his bond put in suit for his arrears.

The order for Masters of the Bench to give in an inventory is continued to next term. They are desired to examine what goods belonging to their chambers have been embezzled, and to compare the inventories with the Treasurers' accounts.

Mr. M. Eady shall have an assignment on double flooring and new wainscotting his room, but he must advise with Mr. Proctor, a Master of the Bench, before he makes new lights.

The suits commenced against Messrs. James de Grey and John Parker shall be proceeded with.

Reader's Stewards:—Messrs. W. Northey, R. Henley, R. Andrewes, John Weld, knt. *Latin.*

Mr. Lumley Thelwall is fined twenty marks for having assumed at Christmas last the name of Lord of Misrule; when he went with many strangers and others late at night into Fleet Street and other places, and demanded money of many persons, causing the doors of those who refused to be broken open and their money and goods to be taken away. He is ordered to make restitution, and bring certificates thereof in a fortnight. If he fail, he shall not be allowed to lodge in any chamber until he has done both.

A Lord of Misrule is against the ancient orders, and was never practised but once in the memory of man, being then severely punished. In future any member attempting such a thing, shall be *ipso facto* expelled.

The committee to inquire of the Master's revenues, etc., is continued till next term, and desired to give a report in writing

to Mr. Attorney-General to be presented to the Lord Chancellor. They are desired to consider with Mr. Attorney how Dr. Master's lodgings may be restored to the Master's use. The Master shall be paid 26*l.* a year for the rents of chambers belonging to the Mastership and collected by this House, and 20*l.* a year collected upon the rolls as formerly paid to the Master.

The petition of the gentlemen that the seats of the Church may be made more convenient, and expressing their willingness to contribute, is approved. Mr. Treasurer is desired to confer with Mr. Treasurer of the Inner Temple about new modelling the seats of the whole Church. If he cannot agree with him, he is empowered to alter the seats upon the Middle Temple side.

In respect of the great merit of Mr. Smith, a Master of the Bench, an assignment is granted to him in his chamber.

Sir Edward Deering's claim to a chamber in Essex Court, now a Bench Chamber, is referred to Messrs. Walrond, Lake, Reader, and Smith, or any two, to report at next Parliament.

The Steward's petition for 20*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* for apparells in the last week of Michaelmas Term and the vacation following, because of the small number of commoners and the buttery going above 4*s.* a man all the vacation, is referred to the same committee to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Robert Cotton's petition that the chamber to which he and his brother, Philip, are admitted, may be consolidated, and himself admitted with an assignment, is granted as to the consolidation, but the assignment is referred to Mr. Treasurer, who will take such fine as he thinks fit and double duties.

Mr. Francis Barrell on paying all duties and arrears owing by Mr. Leonard Simpson, his chamber-fellow, and himself, shall be admitted to both parts of his chamber, paying double duties.

Parliament holden 25 April, 1662.

On report of the committee for abuses in the kitchen, etc., it is ordered that commons in the buttery shall go at 3*s.* a man a week, and in the kitchen at 5*s.* 6*d.* Messrs. Staples and Hoskins are added to the committee. They are desired to inquire if the Steward and Butlers will provide commons at these rates, and if not, to find other persons to undertake it.

The committee about goods in Bench Chambers is continued. Those who have not sent in inventories, are desired to do it by next Parliament.

The order against strangers lodging in any chamber, is revived. The Under-Treasurer is to inquire what strangers lodge in the House, and report at next Parliament.

Sir John Weld, chosen one of Mr. Hoskins' stewards, has failed to pay 10*l.* to the Steward. He is therefore to pay 11*l.* before next Parliament, or his chamber will be seized.

Unless Mr. Lumley Thelwall pay his fine before the first day of next term, his bond shall be put in suit.

The consideration of the revenues, etc., of the Mastership is referred to Messrs. Hall, Staples, Hoskins, Bayles, Lake, Walrond, Smith, and Constantine, or any three, who are desired to confer with the Inner Temple about the propositions of that House reported by Mr. Attorney-General, and to proceed for the settlement of the revenues. They are further to examine what fees are due for burial-ground, and to desire that prayers in the Church be at the ancient hours. They are desired to acquaint the Inner Temple.

Mr. Treasurer may make a roll for taking voluntary subscriptions for altering the seats in the Church.

Mr. Lake is required to inform Sir Edward Dering that Mr. Bayles was duly admitted into the ground chamber in Essex Court, and it must therefore continue to him or his assigns.

On the petition of Mr. Vere Bertie of the Utter Bar, an assignment is granted to him in Mr. William Eltonhed's chamber in Elme Court, which he has purchased, instead of the one which he had in his old chamber in Pumpe Court, which, according to the strictness of the orders, would be extinct on his purchase.

Mr. J. Henshawe is called of grace to the degree of the Utter Bar, as he is going to Ireland to practise there, first paying his duties and being published.

The petitions of the Steward, the brewer, and the Chief Butler are referred to the committee for reducing the rate of commons.

On the petition of Mr. Richard Robinson, son of Mr. Lyonell Robinson, who died many years ago, to be admitted into his father's chamber, which has become forfeited by the failure of his executors or administrators to admit any one; it is ordered that matters shall stand as they are till the first Parliament of next term. Mr. Chafe, a Master of the Bench, shall have notice of this petition.

Dr. Griffith shall have 40*l.* paid in pursuance of a former order.

The petition of Mr. J. Stawell of the Utter Bar for consolidation of his chamber, is referred to Messrs. Bagshawe and Staples.

Mr. Ady, a Master of the Bench, is desired to be at next Parliament.

Mr. Justice Hyde and Mr. Serjeant Hyde having given leave for suits to be commenced in their names as executors to Sir Lawrence Hyde against Messrs. James de Grey and John Parker on their bonds; it is ordered that their goods and chattels shall be saved harmless.

A Meeting of the Masters of the Bench in the Parliament Chamber 5 May, 1662.

By direction of the Lords Chief Justices and the rest of the Judges, Messrs. Bagshawe, Hoskins, Mundy, Proctor, and Harvey are appointed a committee to consider with the other Inns of Court about readings, and attend the Judges on Thursday next. The Under-Treasurer shall give the committee the names of such Masters of the Bench as have been dispensed with for reading on account of age and infirmity, the name of the next Summer Reader, the names of those who have desired to be excused from reading giving reasons, and the names of those who have not read.

Parliament holden 9 May, 1662.

Sir Peter Balle and Mr. Bagshawe are added to the committee for reducing commons to a certainty. The proposals of the Puisne Butlers shall be considered till the first Parliament of next term.

On report of the committee, the Steward shall pay the Chief Butler the money for the wine used in the Hall on the grand day in Hilary Term, and the money petitioned for by the brewer shall be cast into commons and paid to him.

Messrs. Northcote, Trott, Hyde, Luther, and Mirfield are fined 5*l.* each for suffering strangers to lodge in their chambers. Unless the fines are paid before the first Parliament of next term, the chambers will be seized.

Unless Mr. Lumley Thelwall pays his fine before the first Parliament of next term, his bond shall be put in suit.

As the settlement of the revenues, etc., belonging to the Master is referred by both Houses to Mr. Attorney-General and Mr. Solicitor, further debate is respited till next term.

The Steward's petition for apparells in Michaelmas Term and vacation is respited till next Parliament.

Mr. John Stowell's chamber being inconvenient for two, shall be consolidated, with double duties and a fine.

Mr. William Mountague shall be called to the Bench.

Mr. John Stephens being chosen to read next summer and refusing, shall lose the 50*l.* deposited by him and be disbenched. Considering his great weakness of body and infirmity, he is fined only 20*l.*

The *salvo* formerly granted to Mr. Georges shall be continued, as he is a member of the House of Commons. Because of Mr. Hall's sickness, he shall have till the first Parliament of next term to declare whether he will read or no.

Messrs. Bayles, Walrond, and Smith shall continue associates of the Bench.

Mr. Antony Barker was chosen Reader for next Summer. *Latin.*

Mr. Treasurer is desired to inform Mr. Barker thereof, and that the Masters intend to show him the same indulgence as other Readers of late, and to require his speedy answer. They have therefore adjourned this Parliament till Tuesday next, when they will take again into debate the matter of readings and despatch the business unheard.

Mr. James Fitzgerald's name shall be presented in the paper at the next call to the Bar. His going to Ireland, if his occasions require, shall be no impediment to his call.

Parliament holden by adjournment 13 May, 1662.

Mr. Antony Barker for refusing to read shall lose the 50*l.* deposited by him, be disbenched, and fined 100*l.*

Mr. Edward Ady was chosen Reader for next Summer. *Latin.*

Mr. Treasurer is desired to write to Mr. Ady to urge him to read and require his answer.

Adjourned till the first day of next term, at 5 P.M.

Parliament holden by adjournment 30 May, 1662.

Mr. Ady's letter now read shall be further considered at the next Parliament. The Under-Treasurer shall write to desire him to be present.

A letter was read from Mr. Antony Barker, excusing the suddenness of his former letter by the messenger's haste, and undertaking to be next Summer Reader. He is accepted, and the last order concerning him reversed.

Adjourned till Friday next.

Parliament holden 6 June, 1662.

Messrs. Wright, Booth, Packer, and Verney are desired to survey the affairs of the market, kitchen, cellar, and buttery next week for the discovery of abuses, and to make proposals for reducing commons.

On the petition of Messrs. William Beckett and Thomas Chafe that their chamber in Inner Temple Lane is very inconvenient for two, having but one chimney and one bedchamber for both; it shall be consolidated and their assignee admitted as to a sole chamber, paying double duties.

Messrs. William Barker, Hall, Page, Staples, Fowell, Collett, Whitmore, Prestwood, Bayles, and Walrond, who have refused to read, shall not come to the Councils in Parliament nor have to do with the government of the House, but be only associates. Those Masters who have or shall read shall have precedency before associates.

Mr. Georges, who has declared that he will read when Parliament is dissolved, and the rest of the Masters now called to the Bench, whose time is not yet come, shall be continued of the Council of Parliament till they refuse to read.

The business between Mr. Chafe and Mr. Robinson is deferred to next Parliament.

The fines imposed on Messrs. Northcote, Luther, and Mirfield for suffering strangers to lodge in their chambers, are suspended.

The order requiring Mr. Lumley Thelwall's bond to be put in suit, is again confirmed.

The consideration of Mr. Ady's letter is respited.

The order for the settlement of the Master's revenues is referred to next Parliament, and Mr. Attorney is desired to be present.

Mr. Antony Barker, having undertaken at short warning to read this summer, shall have the same indulgences as former Readers of late.

The accommodating of Readers with Bench Chambers shall be considered at next Parliament.

In consequence of sickness, Mr. Thomas Dove of the Utter Bar may perform his service as Reader at New Inn by deputy.

On the Steward's petition for payment of apparells from Michaelmas Term last to the first Saturday of this term; what has been examined and reported shall be forthwith paid, and the rest referred to the committee to report at next Parliament.

On the petition of Mr. Watson, an ancient of the Utter Bar, he shall have the other part of his ground chamber in Bricke Court for life for 20*s.* a year.

Mr. Agar's petition to be admitted with an assignment into Mr. Fanshawe's late chamber in Essex Court, is referred to Messrs. Bagshawe, Hoskins, and Mundy, or any two, to report at next Parliament.

On a report that Mr. Barfoot, tenant of St. Dunstan's tavern, has made a privy and house of office of one of the new rooms lately built on the wall of Middle Temple Lane, intending to convey the draught thereof in the drain lately made through Mr. Attorney's garden into the drain in the lane; the Under-Treasurer is ordered to inform himself about it, and to require Barfoot to mend the paving in the lane where it was damaged by Wadlowe, his predecessor.

Mr. William Woolley is to be sued for the arrears of his son, William, lately dead.

Unless Messrs. T. Connesby, C. Goodhand, T. Utber, and F. Niccolls pay their arrears before next Parliament, their chambers, which have been already padlocked up for their neglect, shall be sold. This order shall be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 13 June, 1662.

Messrs. Hoskins, Lake, and Mundy are nominated a committee to inquire of the revenues, etc., of the Master of the Temple, to make a case, and attend Mr. Attorney-General with it, that he, Sir Edward Turnor, Sir Peter Ballo, and any other of the Masters in town, may present it to the Lord Chancellor for settlement between this Society and the Inner Temple.

As Mr. Chafe has waived the contract with Mr. Treasurer for Mr. Lyonell Robinson's late chamber, Mr. Richard Robinson, his son, shall be admitted thereto, paying his

father's arrears and a fine, the chamber having been justly seized and he admitted of favour.

The consideration of Mr. Ady's letter is respited till next term.

Bench Chambers in the possession of Masters who are declared associates, are declared void and "in the House dispose." The Queen's Attorney, Masters who have read, and Mr. Barker, the present Reader, may choose which they please of them. The rest shall remain in the possession of those who now enjoy them, to hold at a rent till Readers want them.

Mr. Anthony Barker, Reader elect for the summer, is confirmed; and Messrs. Lake and Hoskins appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. E. Ady, G. Yard, H. Proctor, F. Harvey. *Latin.*

Stewards:—Sir Henry Peckham, knt., Messrs. R. Pepys, E. Fleetwood, G. Mountague. *Latin.*

The report on the Steward's petition for apparells is respited until next Parliament.

Messrs. Bagshawe, Hoskins, Lake, and Mundy, or any two, are desired to send for the ancients of New Inn and report at next Parliament on the alleged miscarriages in the government there.

On report of the committee that Mr. Agar was admitted with an assignment to a chamber up four pair of stairs in Essex Court, and that Lord Fanshawe's two sons had two chambers up three pair of stairs in the same buildings with assignments, which three assignments are extinguished by Mr. Agar's remove to one of the said chambers up three pair of stairs; Mr. Agar shall be admitted into the said chamber with an assignment, paying five marks.

The order of last Parliament as to Messrs. Utber and Niccolls is suspended, provided that Mr. Utber pays his arrears in a fortnight, and Mr. Niccolls before the first day of next term. Otherwise the order is to be put in execution.

On the petition of Mr. Troughton of the Utter Bar, he shall have till the end of Easter Term next to put Mr. Thelwall's bond in suit for the recovery of his fine. On recovering it and paying it in, he shall be discharged, otherwise he shall be sued himself. The Sub-Treasurer is to give account whether it is paid in.

Messrs. R. Gillingham, W. Lawrence, R. Willys, J. Guise,

R. Perry, N. Browne, T. Lee, and W. Barrett are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Mr. R. May, going to Ireland, is of grace called to the same degree. Messrs. T. Stephens, W. Hodges, and T. Lathum, paying their duties and depositing 50*l.* each or procuring themselves to be admitted into chambers, are called to the same degree of grace.

Adjourned till Monday next after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 16 June, 1662.

Mr. Hall's Bench Chamber shall be reserved for Mr. Mountague, the Queen's Attorney, but in consequence of Mr. Hall's sickness the final determination is respited till the first Parliament of next term.

Mr. Hoskins shall have the Bench Chamber now in Mr. Page's possession. Mr. Page may have the chamber in the Churchyard left by Mr. Hoskins, at a reasonable rent, if he choose.

Mr. Antony Barker shall have the Bench Chamber now held by his brother, William. Mr. William Barker may have any void Bench Chamber at a reasonable rent. The associates continuing in Bench Chambers shall pay reasonable rents.

The fine imposed on Mr. Paine of the Utter Bar for failing to read at New Inn last Summer and Michaelmas Term following, is remitted to twenty marks if he pay it in ten days, because he performed a great part of the service, and his failure in the rest was occasioned by sickness.

Mr. Ogilby is recommended to Mr. Treasurer to gratify him for the books presented by him.

Charitable gifts shall be given:—five marks to Mr. John Martin, 3*l.* to Mr. Andrew Poulett towards transporting him to Ireland, and 40*s.* to William Steevens.

Their Masterships will confer with the Masters of the Inner Temple about a chamber for the Curate.

On the petition of Mr. Twyford, present tenant of the stationer's shop in Vine Court, he shall be preferred as immediate tenant at 8*l.* yearly rent when the time of Mr. Bayliffe's executors expires.

On the expiration of the time granted to Mr. Bayliffe in a shop in Pumpe Court, Mr. Herne shall be preferred as tenant at 4*l.* yearly rent.

John Ball's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer to make him the usual allowance for his service.

Parliament holden 31 Oct., 1662.

The committee about the Master's revenues is continued.

On the Steward's petition, 29*l.* 11*s.* for apparells before Trinity Term last shall be paid him. The apparells accrued in last Trinity Term and Long Vacation are referred to Messrs. Lake and Mundy, who are also desired to ask the surveyors of the kitchen and buttery in the two last weeks of Trinity Term, and the casters up of commons in the last reading week, their reasons for refusing to sign the accounts for the said weeks, and report at next Parliament.

Sir Edward Turnor, Messrs. Mountague, Hoskins, Lake, and Mundy, or any two, are appointed a committee to review the state of New Inn, to take care that the rent of 4*l.* now in arrear is paid, and to report at the next Parliament.

The order for selling Mr. F. Niccoll's chamber is confirmed.

Mr. Mountague, the Queen's Attorney, has till next Parliament to choose Mr. Hall's Bench Chamber.

The nuisance complained of in Mr. Page's chamber in the Churchyard shall be amended at the charge of the House. If that cannot be, he shall be accommodated elsewhere, and pay no rent for the said chamber meanwhile.

Mr. John Paine having neglected to pay his fine, the first fine of 40*l.* shall stand, and his chamber forthwith padlocked up.

Henry Twyford, stationer, shall have a lease of the shop in Vine Court at 8*l.* a year for twenty-one years if he live so long. He shall not assign it without leave. Edmund Herne shall have a lease of the shop in Pumpe Court at 4*l.* a year, under the same provisoes.

On the petition of William Thursby of the Utter Bar, the chamber in Bricke Court shared by him with Mr. George Johnson of the Utter Bar, having but one chimney, shall be consolidated, and he shall be admitted thereto, paying double duties.

Mr. Allen, the brewer, has leave to take his remedy against Mr. Challoner's security for a debt for beer when Challoner was Steward.

Mr. Ady is fined 100*l.* for refusing twice to stand at the Cupboard and also to read.

Mr. Yard is respited being chosen Reader on account of his present sickness, with a *salvo jure* when he shall read.

Mr. Henry Proctor was chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Francis Harvey for next Summer. *Latin.*

Mr. Samuel Tryst and Mr. Richard Duke are fined 10*l.* each for not reading. *Latin.*

Mr. John Barton and Mr. Balthazar Beare are called to the Bench.

The Chief Butler is fined 5*l.* for soliciting Mr. Barker in his reading to admit one specially, contrary to the orders.

Sir Edward Turnor, Attorney to the Duke of York, is chosen Treasurer, to succeed Sir Geoffrey Palmer, Attorney-General, at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

The dweller in and proprietor of a house some years since in possession of one Carpenter, abutting upon Essex Court, are to be summoned to attend next Parliament, to show cause why a drain, made without leave, from the said house through the Society's ground to a drain in Hall Court, into which the inhabitants of houses thereabouts have conveyed their sinks and houses of office, so that the air in the principal courts has become unsavoury, should not be stopped up.

Mr. Barfoot, the present tenant of St. Dunstan's tavern, must make acknowledgment by a yearly rent for the drain lately made from his cellar through this Society's ground to a drain in Middle Temple Lane. In default, his drain shall be stopped up.

Dr. Griffith shall be paid out of the next money that comes into the Treasury.

Adjourned till to-day fortnight.

Parliament holden 21 Nov., 1662.

Messrs. Hoskins, Lake, Proctor, Constantine, and Lechmere, or any three, are appointed a committee to examine the Steward's accounts for the two last weeks in Trinity Term and the last reading week; to confer with Messrs. Wright and Verney, surveyors and casters up of commons for the said weeks; to examine the Steward's apparells accrued last Long Vacation; to see whether the Steward and Butlers will undertake to provide commons at the rates agreed on, and if not, to find others who will undertake it at those rates, and to present their names at the next Parliament.

The same committee is desired to see that John Wilcocks, the brewer, is paid what is due to him.

The Porter's petition is referred to the same committee.

The chamber in the Churchyard shared by Messrs. Edward Palmer and George Solme being inconvenient for two, shall be consolidated, and Mr. Palmer be admitted thereinto as a sole chamber, with no fine, paying double duties.

Sir Peter Balle, Messrs. Hussey, Hoskins, and Lake, or any two, are desired to audit Mr. Treasurer's account.

Mr. Henry Proctor, having consented to read in Lent, shall have the Bench Chamber in Bricke Court, now occupied by Mr. Hall, with the House's goods therein. The 50*l.* deposited by him shall be restored.

The committee on New Inn is continued. They are to ask the Treasurer of New Inn for a copy of the rules sent them by the Benchers of this Society, set up in a table in their Hall.

Twenty marks shall be accepted as Mr. Paine's fine, if paid to-morrow.

The fine imposed on the Chief Butler is remitted. Mr. Scory Barker, specially admitted by Mr. Barker during his reading, shall be allowed for this time. According to an order of 18 Oct., 1614, every Reader during the time of his reading shall have one admittance allowed, or 5*l.* in lieu thereof. Any Reader admitting more shall answer the fines formerly paid, except noblemen, knights, etc.

The drains mentioned at last Parliament are left to Mr. Treasurer's consideration.

Messrs. F. Morgan, N. Loane, and S. Kecke are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Mr. E. Strode also, of grace, at Mr. Justice Windham's request, but he must pay his duties and be admitted to a chamber, or deposit 50*l.* before being published.

Vacation Barristers who continued in commons this last Long Vacation till the reading week, are dispensed with for the remainder of the vacation.

Mr. John Martin shall have a charitable gift of five marks, and old Burford a chaldron of coals.

No grand Christmas shall be kept, nor gaming suffered in the Hall. Those who keep commons shall be allowed 12*l.* as formerly.

Adjourned till this day week.

Parliament holden by adjournment 28 Nov., 1662.

The order for attending the Lord Chancellor with the case concerning the Master's revenues, is continued.

Mr. Treasurer, Sir Peter Balle, Messrs. Constantine, Mundy, and Barton, or any three, are appointed a committee for the settlement of commons at a certain rate per week, to consider the proposals of George Hales and John Chaloner, and the security they offer for performance thereof; to make an agreement with them to provide commons at rates and terms agreed upon; if they will not undertake it, to find some other fit person, and if they see cause, settle him in present possession of the office, taking good security.

The Steward's apparells for Trinity Term last and the vacation following shall be paid.

Parliament holden 30 Jan., 1662.

The committee for settlement of commons are desired to treat again with the Butlers on the proposals tendered by them, and to report at next Parliament.

The last Treasurer's account is allowed.

As money has been paid to the Master on acquittances in part, in the next acquittance it must be expressed for what the same is paid, that so the account may be cleared, and the Master's revenue settled, "and the former summes paid to bee brought to account with him." *

The clerk of the Temple Church shall by next Parliament prepare an account of the burials in the Temple for two years past, stating what persons of either Society and what strangers have been buried there, and what money has been received for burial-ground.

Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Proctor are desired to peruse Mr. Hall's account for his Treasurership to see what goods belong to his Bench Chamber.

The Treasurer of New Inn shall be required to pay the arrears of rent, and to give a copy of their rules before Thursday next.

Mr. Staples shall continue to hold his chamber in Pumpe Court at a moderate rent, referred to Mr. Treasurer, till some Reader shall choose it, or their Masterships further order.

* It is stated in the margin that the passage between quotation marks was added in Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer shall set a rent upon all Bench Chambers in possession of any associates.

Mr. Bagshawe shall hold the chamber in Essex Court, late his father's Bench Chamber, at a rent set by Mr. Treasurer, till some Master of the Bench shall choose it, the new building thereof, or further orders.

Mr. Treasurer, Mr. Mountague, Sir Peter Balle, Mr. Hoskins, and Mr. Mundy, or any two, are appointed a committee to view the old buildings in Essex Court, to treat with those having chambers there about rebuilding, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. F. Niccolls shall pay 10*l.* for all arrears of duties, as his absence was occasioned by want of sight.

Parliament holden 6 Feb., 1662.

Mr. Henry Proctor, Reader elect for next Lent, is confirmed, and Messrs. Hoskins and Barker appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. F. Harvey, J. Ratcliffe, W. Constantine, J. Turnor. *Latin.*

Stewards:—Sir William Powell, knt., Messrs. J. Whitfield, A. Blackwell, S. Ady. *Latin.*

Mr. Mountague, Sir Peter Balle, Messrs. Hoskins and Lake, or any two, are desired to peruse the evidences of the title of this House to New Inn, and to give directions for a declaration and for commencing a suit against them.

The committee to view the old building in Essex Court are desired to report at next Parliament.

The consideration of the sum received for burial-ground in the Temple Church, as appears by an account for two years presented by the Clerk, is respited till a final account is made with the Master upon the settlement of his revenue.

The committee for settlement of commons are desired to treat again with the Butlers upon their proposals, and to report on Thursday after supper.

Mr. Hoskins is added to the committee for commons. The Steward's petition for apparells in last term and the vacation following is referred to the same committee.

On the Steward's petition, stating that he is unable to get paid by many gentlemen, it is ordered that if gentlemen do not pay after four days' notice of this order, Mr. Treasurer shall padlock their chambers, and if they have no chambers, their bonds shall be put in suit.

Mr. John Tate shall be called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Mr. Staples must show cause at next Parliament why he should not pay the arrears of duties on Mr. Fabian Phillips' chamber for the time he has held it, and why he should not deliver possession thereof to Mr. Phillips.

Parliament holden 12 Feb., 1662.

The Steward shall be paid 12*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* for apparells.

Mr. Stowell's petition to be admitted into his chamber in Elme Court, with an assignment, is referred to Mr. Treasurer. Mr. Stowell must pay 30*l.*

The reducing commons to a certainty by the week having of late been much agitated without effect, and the settlement thereof being of great importance, it is earnestly recommended to Mr. Treasurer and the Masters in town.

The request of Mr. Henry Barker of the Utter Bar for leave to make new windows in his chamber in Essex Court, promising to make them six foot high from the floor, to serve for light only, and not for prospect, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden 15 May, 1663.

The committee concerning New Inn is continued. They are desired to ask the ancients for a copy of the rules and orders hanging in their Hall, and to ask them to attend their Masterships for the settling the title of the Society to the Inn.

The committee for treating with the gentlemen interested in the old building in Essex Court is continued till next term.

Gentlemen in debt to the Steward must pay within a week, under the penalties of the order of last Parliament. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Mr. Staples shall have till next Parliament to show cause why he should not pay the arrears charged on Mr. Phillips' chamber.

The committee for commons is desired to proceed effectually. The Steward's petition for apparells is referred to them.

Messrs. Mountague and Hoskins are appointed a committee to treat with the Inner Temple about building lodgings for the Master and the settlement of his revenues, to report at next Parliament.

As it appears from an account of the Clerk of the Temple Church that many strangers have lately been buried there contrary to ancient usage and orders, no stranger shall hereafter be buried there without particular licence from Mr. Treasurer. The money received for burial-ground by the Master shall be considered in the settlement of his revenue. Mr. Treasurer is desired to pay to the Master 50*l.* upon account before the end of this term.

An order made 11 Oct., 1639, is revived, that vacations and assignments in respect of the degree of the Utter Bar shall not be compounded for until they are forfeited, and not without consent had in open Parliament. Forfeitures and fines already set for not performing assignments or keeping vacations shall be forthwith levied by Mr. Treasurer, who may compound for those now forfeited if he sees cause.

Mr. Mountague, the Queen's Attorney, shall have the Bench Chamber in Mr. Collet's possession, with an addition of part of the Cook's room immediately under it for a woodhouse and other uses.

Messrs. Constantine and Lechmere are appointed a committee to treat with the Inner Temple for repairing the Temple bridge; also to view the roofs in Elme Court, Vine Court, and Pumpe Court, and to require the gentlemen whose chambers are next under the roof to do repairs.

The petition of Mr. Troughton of the Utter Bar for mitigation of his fine as Mr. Thelwall's surety, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden 29 May, 1663.

As it appears that Mr. Fabian Phillips has a right to part of a ground chamber in Essex Court, and that Mr. Staples has used the said chamber by his licence; Mr. Phillips shall pay the arrears of duties upon the chamber before the first Parliament of next term.

The committee for commons is continued, and is earnestly desired to consider ancient orders, and to report at next Parliament.

The committee to view the Temple bridge and the decayed roofs, is continued till next term.

Mr. Treasurer is recommended to repair the chambers wherein Dr. Masters lay when he was Master of the Temple,

which are part of the Master's lodgings, in the Churchyard, up one pair of stairs in the buildings next the Church; and to desire Mr. Treasurer of the Inner Temple to repair the chambers in possession of that House, which are the other part of the same lodgings on the same floor, so that the Master may be accommodated therewith.

The chamber up one pair of stairs in the north-west corner of Pumpe Court, coming to the House by Mr. Sandys' death, and lately made a Bench Chamber, is disbenched. Mr. Treasurer may sell it for the benefit of the House.

Parliament holden 26 June, 1663.

The petitions of Messrs. Staples and Phillips are referred to Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Mountague to compose the differences between them, and to consider how to accommodate Mr. Staples, as the chamber in Pumpe Court is already sold, and to report at next Parliament.

If Mr. Fryth, who has been many times sent to by Mr. Treasurer, does not deliver the key of a rent chamber in the Churchyard and pay his arrears of rent to-night, the door shall be broken open and his bond put in suit.

The committee for commons is continued.

The owners of the uppermost chambers in the new buildings in Elme Court, Pumpe Court, and Vine Court are required to repair the roofs over their chambers forthwith. If a question arises how much each is to repair, Messrs. Mundy and Harvey are added to the committee, with power to determine.

The committee having reported that part of Temple bridge is in decay, they are ordered to treat with the Inner Temple about repairing it, and to report at next Parliament.

Unless the arrears of Messrs. W. Booth, L. Simonds, R. Scudamore, N. Gould, W. Foster, and H. Milborne, who have neglected Mr. Treasurer's notes, are paid before next Parliament, their chambers shall be seized and padlocked. They shall not be readmitted without paying a fine upon a new admittance. Copies of this order are to be left at their chambers.

Unless the fines imposed upon Messrs. H. Milborne, R. Allen, and S. Tryst for not reading, and upon Mr. E. Ady for not reading and for making defaults to stand at the Cupboard in the readings of Messrs. Hoskins and Lake, are paid by the

next Parliament, their chambers shall be seized or their bonds sued.

Mr. Mountague, Sir Peter Balle, Mr. Mundy, or any three Masters in town, are appointed a committee to peruse the orders and collect the most considerable orders for commons, readings, and exercises, and present the heads at next Parliament. They are desired to meet on Monday next after supper in the Parliament Chamber.

Parliament holden 3 July, 1663.

Mr. Francis Harvey, chosen Reader for next summer, is confirmed, and Messrs. Barker and Proctor appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen :—Messrs. J. Ratcliff, H. Constantine, J. Turnor, and J. Ryves. *Latin.*

Stewards :—Francis Clarke, knt., John Stowell, knt., Messrs. J. Willys, F. Adams. *Latin.*

Mr. Harvey shall have the usual allowances made to Readers, and be repaid the 50*l.* deposited by him. Mr. Treasurer is desired to send for Mr. Whitmore and Mr. Harvey that the latter may have a Bench Chamber during his reading, and that if Mr. Whitmore now parts with his, he may be provided with another.

Mr. Harvey, taking on him to read this summer, when there is likely to be no reading in any other Inn of Court, to the great honour of this Society, though with many inconveniences to himself, has leave to transfer with an assignment the chamber to which he was admitted as a builder with an assignment.

Mr. Treasurer, Sir Peter Balle, Mr. Proctor, and Mr. Mundy, or any two, are desired to view the buildings mentioned in the petition of Mr. Philip Packer of the Utter Bar, and to report at next Parliament.

The order on the petitions of Messrs. Staples and Phillips is continued.

The committee for commons is continued. They are earnestly desired to make a settlement against next term.

The committee for the repairs of Temple bridge are desired to take order that it may be done this vacation.

The order about Mr. L. Simonds is respited till the Bench takes further order. The order about Mr. H. Milborne is suspended for a month.

The Steward shall be paid 24*l.* 19*s.* 3*d.* for apparells from the first whole week in Hilary Term last till the end of last Lent vacation. The Steward's petition for 10*l.* 9*s.* 8½*d.* in apparells from the end of Lent vacation to the first whole week in Trinity Term is referred to the committee, to report at next Parliament. Messrs. Proctor, Mundy, and Lechmere are added to the committee. Unless the gentlemen mentioned in the Steward's petition as in arrears for commons taken in the Hall, pay within a week after notice of this order, their chambers will be seized or bonds put in suit.

A charitable gift of five marks shall be given to Mr. Martin; and the yearly allowance of William Burford, late Panierman, increased to 10*l.*

On the petitions of William Best, William Stevens, and John Balle, 40*s.* each shall be given to them.

Parliament holden 30 Oct., 1663.

Mr. John Ratcliffe was chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. William Constantine for next summer. *Latin.*

Mr. Treasurer is desired to give them notice and request a speedy answer, for which purpose Parliament is adjourned till 13 Nov.

Mr. Harvey shall have the Bench Chamber late Mr. Bagshawe's in Essex Court, and Mr. Whitmore shall continue where he is till further order.

On Mr. Treasurer's report, the arrears on Mr. Phillips' chamber in Essex Court are remitted; Mr. Staples shall hold the chamber during their joint lives, paying him 40*s.* yearly rent.

The committee for commons are desired to perfect their proceedings before next Parliament.

Mr. Ady's chamber shall be seized, and his bond be put in suit, for the fine of 100*l.* imposed on him 31 Oct., 1662.

Mr. S. Tryst's * chamber shall be seized for neglecting to pay his fine for not reading.

The Steward shall be paid 10*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.* for apparells from last Lent vacation to the first whole week in Trinity Term.

Robert Lucas is confirmed as Porter on the death of John Best.

On the sale of old Mr. Watson's chamber, 10*l.* shall be paid to his widow for his funeral.

* There was another name also here, but it has been erased.

On petition of William Best, the Turnbroach, who has served fifty years, a yearly pension of 10*l.* is allowed him. Henry Freeman will have his place.

Messrs. William Northey, William Lisle, Thomas Williams, Francis Bramston, and Sir Henry Peckham, knt., are called to the Bench. Sir Robert Henley, knt., Prothonotary of the King's Bench, and Mr. Henry Barker, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, are associated to the Bench.

Mr. Mountague, the Queen's Attorney-General, is chosen Treasurer, to succeed Sir. Edward Turnor, the Duke of York's Attorney, at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

The petitions of Richard Baddeley, Adam Felton, William Stevens, and Susan Best, widow, are referred to Mr. Treasurer, who is desired to view the shops within the great Gate and apportion the Michaelmas rents. If any improvement is made in the rents, Mr. Treasurer is desired to consider Stevens for his pains at the Gate in the late Porter's sickness.

On the petitions of Messrs. William Dickonson, John Blount, and Henry Cockes, that their chambers are very strait for two, having but one bedchamber and one chimney, the chambers may be consolidated and they readmitted, paying double duties and a fine.

The Master of the Temple shall be allowed 70*l.* a year for the present, paid half-yearly, instead of the chambers and other payments formerly made to Masters. The rates for burials and money received for burial-ground shall be considered at next Parliament. No strangers are to be buried without particular licence from the Treasurer.

Parliament holden by adjournment 13 Nov., 1663.

Mr. Henry Milborne's fine for not reading when chosen on 23 Nov., 1660, is discharged, as it appears that he was not called upon in due time. He is now called to the Bench, with a *salvo jure* of his antiquity. Notice is to be given him of this order.

The pension of 10*l.* to William Best is augmented to twenty marks.

On complaint by Mr. Ashmole of the Utter Bar of damage from strangers lodging in Mr. Reginald Hawkey's chamber over his, pouring down filthy water, Mr. Hawkey's chamber shall be seized.

The House workmen shall be forthwith employed to repair the roof of the chambers of Mr. Thomas Coningsby, Mr. Peter Pett, and Sir Thomas Culpepper in Elme Court, as those under them complain that it rains through two or three stories; and the said chambers seized until the workmen are paid.

The Under-Treasurer shall propose in the paper of those who stand for the degree of the Utter Bar the names of gentlemen of full standing, and having chambers in the House.

Parliament holden 27 Nov., 1663.

Mr. Hervey shall have the Bench Chamber over the Hall porch, late Mr. Fowell's, and the chamber next to it, now Mr. Bailes', shall be added to it on his leaving.

Sir Francis Clarke of the Utter Bar shall have an assignment, paying a fine, in the moiety of an uppermost chamber in Pumpe Court, in which he has been at much expense, and which he wishes to secure for his son, who is not yet of age to come to the House.

The committee for commons is desired to perfect their proceedings before next Parliament.

As Lord Chief Justice Hyde and Mr. Serjeant Hyde, as executors to Sir Lawrence Hyde, have given leave for a suit to be commenced in their names against Mr. Edward Ady upon his bond, their goods and chattels shall be indemnified, and the thanks of the Bench given them.

Sir Peter Balle, Messrs. Hussey, Lake, Hervey, and Mundy, or any two, are desired to audit Mr. Treasurer's accounts.

Mr. Treasurer and such Masters of the Bench as he pleases to call to his assistance, are appointed a committee to receive information from Mr. Peare concerning Mr. Cockes' trust, and to report at next Parliament.

William Stevens shall have 5*l.* given him for his pains at the Gate during the sickness and after the death of the late Porter.

The Clerk of the Temple Church shall prepare an account in writing against next Parliament of what persons have been buried in the Temple for a year past, and what sums have been received for burials there, that the Bench may finally determine how money received for burial-ground shall be disposed of.

On complaint of Mr. Ashmole of the Utter Bar of annoyance from strangers lodging in Mr. H. Clarke's chamber over

his, pouring down filthy water, Mr. Clarke's chamber shall be seized. The order against Mr. Hawkey is suspended.

Mr. John Ratcliffe, having refused to be next Lent Reader, is fined 50*l.* and disbenched.

Mr. William Constantine is chosen next Lent Reader, and has accepted. He shall have the Bench Chamber late Mr. Bagshawe's, deceased, and the 50*l.* deposited by him shall be paid him at his reading.

Mr. Mountagu, the Queen's Attorney-General, is chosen next Summer Reader, and has accepted.

The order for calling Mr. Henry Milborne to the Bench is discharged for his refusal to read. He is fined 20*l.*

As many gentlemen absent themselves at the Feasts of the Purification and All Saints, which, by order of 23 Nov., 1621, are solemnized by entertaining Judges, Serjeants, and other honourable personages members of this Fellowship, at the common charge of the company then in commons, thus overcharging the small number then in commons; it is ordered that every fellow of the Society having a chamber or part of a chamber, and not being in commons the grand week of every term, shall, notwithstanding, be cast into commons for those weeks. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

On report of the committee that the chamber of Mr. William King of the Utter Bar is damp and unwholesome, being underground, he shall have an assignment on improving it to the satisfaction of Mr. Treasurer.

The Steward's petition for 10*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.* in apparells from Trinity Term last to this Michaelmas Term, is referred to the committee for commons to report at next Parliament.

Messrs. W. Perrot, C. Coulson, W. Hyley, J. Codd, R. Marsh, R. Freeman, and T. Williams are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Messrs. C. Porter, W. Lane, G. Dowdeswell, G. Spry, A. Blackwell, J. Willys, J. Davies, F. Adams, H. Cocks, C. Turnor, W. Killingworth, J. Burdenand, T. Agar, H. Browne, and H. Hall, are called to the same degree of grace and favour.

Parliament holden 29 Jan., 1663.

The committee for commons is desired to make a settlement before next Parliament.

The last Treasurer's account is allowed.

The further examination of Mr. Cocks' trust is referred to

Mr. Treasurer and such Masters as he shall please to call to his assistance. They are desired to inquire what part of Scales Inn was in possession of Brian Walter, and upon what consideration the lease to one Parsons was made. Mr. Eltonhed's executors shall show Mr. Treasurer the original lease, and prove what rent they have paid and to whom, that he may report at next Parliament.

The order for seizing Mr. Clarke's chamber shall be put in execution.

The fine imposed on Mr. Ratcliffe for not reading is reduced to 10*l.*

The Steward shall be paid 10*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.* for apparells.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to inform the Master of the Temple that the Bench conceives that the soil of the Church and Chancel is the right of the Societies, and does not belong to the Master. They will therefore reassume the burial-ground, and keep the old rates. The money offered at Communions may be disposed as heretofore. Mr. Treasurer must also report at next Parliament what money the Master has received from this Society, and what is due to him.

The Steward's petition for increase of wages is referred to the committee for commons, who are desired to examine whether there was an order for increase of his wages and on what grounds, and whether poundage was allowed on meat bought in the market, and to report at next Parliament.

The difference between the Porter and James Evington about the rent of a shop under Middle Temple Gate is referred to Mr. Treasurer and Sir Edward Turnor, to report at next Parliament.

As some deeds and evidences of this House, by being produced, have miscarried, it is ordered that all deeds of evidence shall be fairly written into one large book and all leases into another, to remain in the Treasury. Their Masterships will consider the Sub-Treasurer for his pains therein.

Parliament holden 5 Feb., 1663.

Mr. William Constantine, chosen Reader for Lent, is confirmed, and Mr. Proctor and Mr. Hervey appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. Turner, Ryves, Barton, and Beare. *Latin.*

Stewards:—Messrs. John White, Francis Buller, William Dickenson, and John Harewell. *Latin.*

Mr. Treasurer reported that the Master of the Temple said that there was 60*l.* in arrear to him for three years ending about Christmas last; that the Master brought him a copy of an order made at the Star Chamber 16 May, 1634, containing articles for ending all differences in point of profit between Dr. Micklethwaite and the Societies, desiring that it might be presented at this Parliament, and that the fourth and fifth articles having been so long settled might continue. The Bench will acquiesce in the said order, and expect the Master to do the like. Though they conceive that the words in the fifth article, "that the rates of burials should continue as they were valued to his immediate predecessors and continued by the present Master," only extend to rates for officiating and not to rates for burial-ground, the soil of the Church being granted to the Societies, yet, out of respect to the Master, they will consent to his having the profit of the burial-ground on acknowledging the right of the House and observing the old rates. The 60*l.* shall be paid him. The order of 30 Oct. is discharged and the 70*l.* a year taken off.

On the petition of Mr. Elias Ashmole stating that he is willing to lay out a considerable sum of money on his chamber, an assignment shall be granted to him for such fine as Mr. Treasurer thinks fit. But as assignments are prejudicial to the revenue and good of the House, no petition shall hereafter be presented by Mr. Treasurer for an assignment.

The committee for commons is desired to make a settlement before next Parliament.

The Steward's petition for increase of wages is referred to the same committee.

The petition of Mr. John Cockes of the Utter Bar is referred to the committee for examining Mr. Charles Cockes' trust. They are desired to consider how he may be paid his just arrears and dues according to the intention of the trust, and how the arrears of rent since the lease made to one Parsons may be recovered, and whether the lease may be avoided, and to report at next Parliament.

An inventory shall be taken of the things belonging to the House in the shop under Middle Temple Gate in the possession of James Evington. A lease for eleven years at 10*l.* yearly rent shall be made to him and Mary his wife, with a schedule of the goods annexed.

A gratuity of 40*s.* shall be given to John Balle, Washpot.

At a Meeting of the Masters of the Bench in the Parliament Chamber 29 April, 1664.

The Sub-Treasurer shall be sent to the Master of the Temple to let him know that the Benchers notice that he has begun a building upon their freehold without their consent, and to speak to him not to proceed.

Parliament holden 6 May, 1664.

The committee for commons is continued. They are desired to consider how commons may be settled at a certain rate by the week; to inquire what is owing by the Steward to tradesmen, and by the gentlemen to him; and what security is given by him to the House. The Steward's petition for 41*s.* 16*s.* 11*d.* for apparells from the end of the first whole week in Michaelmas Term to the end of last Lent vacation is referred to them, and also his petition for increase of wages. They are desired to report at next Parliament. Gentlemen long in arrears to the Steward must pay him before next Parliament; otherwise their chambers will be seized or their bonds put in suit.

The committee for examination of Mr. Charles Cocks' trust is continued.

The Library Keeper shall be paid 20*l.* a year quarterly.

Mr. John Ratcliffe is dispensed with for coming into commons. He is not to be charged with commons on account of having a chamber, but is to pay all duties upon other rolls.

On reading a letter from Mr. Ady, the former order shall stand, unless he pays 50*l.* with his arrears of duties upon the rolls before the first Parliament of next term.

Mr. Milborne's chamber shall be seized unless his fine for not reading is paid before the first Parliament of next term.

On Mr. John Martin's petition, 40*s.* shall be given him, considering his poverty and imprisonment.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to examine the ancient rolls of collection for the Master of the Temple and the Lecturer, to see whether they were separate rolls for each, and at what rates gentlemen were taxed by the term.

All *recipiaturs*, with the fee due thereupon, shall be delivered only to the Chief Butler, that the Bench may know through

whose fault it is if any gentleman is admitted into commons without a *recipiatur*.

The barber's shop in Middle Temple Lane with the room adjoining in Mrs. Browne's possession, being in the "dispose" of the House by the death of her son, William; it is ordered that no wine, ale, beer, or any drink shall be sold there, nor women suffered to be there, but it shall be let to a barber, a single man, for a fine, out of which Mr. Treasurer may give Mrs. Browne what he thinks fit.

Parliament holden 20 May, 1664.

The committee for the examination of Mr. Charles Cocks' trust is continued. They are desired to require Mr. Eltonhed's executors to produce the original lease pretended to be made to one Parsons, and to examine on what grounds it was made. The 15*l.* remaining in the hands of the said executors and the 10*l.* in the hands of Sir Geoffrey Palmer, Attorney-General, shall remain in the Treasury till Mr. John Cocks shall think fit to receive it.

Mr. Treasurer is to seize and padlock the chambers of gentlemen who have neglected to attend to the notes of arrears left for them, or to put their bonds in suit, unless they pay within a week. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

The order of 7 Feb., 1639, against feasting after moots or calling to the Bar, is revived. This is to be fixed on the screen.

No gentleman shall read his exercise upon moots, or assignments, or repeating pleadings. An exercise read shall not be recorded. Gentlemen of the Utter Bar reading their exercise upon assignments, shall be fined by the Masters of the Bench who sit upon the same as if there had been a failure. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

The order about the barber's shop is confirmed.

On report of the committee, 41*l.* 16*s.* 11*d.* shall be paid to the Steward for apparells. The great increase of apparells, which till lately were never in term time but broken sums under 20*s.* and then cast into the next week, must be considered at next Parliament. Mr. Treasurer is desired to get within a week the Steward's answer to the propositions now agreed upon for reducing commons to a certainty.

Mr. Staples' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer, with their Masterships' desire that he would accommodate him

with a chamber, and consider him in the price thereof to the value of 20*l.*

On the petition of John Chaloner, Puisne Butler, the order about *recipiatur* is respited till the Chief Butler is heard at next Parliament.

On the petition of Mary White, a servant of this Society for fifty-five years, now in age and poverty, 40*s.* a year shall be paid to her.

Mr. Killingworth's petition that a little corner behind the door of Mr. Pepys' Bench Chamber might be added to his chamber, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, Sir Peter Ball, Mr. Proctor, and Mr. Mundy, or any two, to report at next Parliament.

A gift of 3*l.* shall be given to John Young, under Washpot, who has had a grievous and long sickness.

Adjourned till Monday night after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 23 May, 1664.

Leave is given for the building to go on in the garden by the Church, and Dr. Ball, the Master, shall hold it while Master; after which it will be at the equal disposition of both Societies.

Parliament holden 17 June, 1664.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to put in execution the order for compelling gentlemen much in arrears to pay their duties.

Mrs. Browne shall have warning to remove at Michaelmas. She shall have her being there meantime *gratis*, with liberty to recommend a single man as a tenant.

The committee for commons shall be revived. Surveyors shall be appointed for the kitchen and buttery for next week, to make proposals for amending the abuses there and reducing commons to a moderate weekly rate. The great increase of apparells shall be considered at next Parliament.

Mr. Killingworth's petition is granted, but he must first advise with Sir Peter Ball, and not straiten the passage.

The last order concerning the Master of the Temple shall be discharged, and the payment of 70*l.* a year revived. The order, made 29 Jan., 1663, to reassume the burial-ground and keep the old rates, shall be revived. The Treasurer shall always appoint the place and rates of burial-ground for every

gentleman buried there. The money for burial-ground shall be paid to the Clerk, who is accountable to the Bench.

Mr. S. Hyland and Mr. W. Swaine are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Messrs. E. Hide, E. Palmer, and W. Avery are called of grace.

At Mr. Treasurer's request 35*l.* shall be accepted from Mr. Ady in discharge of his fine and arrears if paid before next Parliament, and the charges of the suit, or the former order to stand.

Mr. Ashmole of the Utter Bar is thanked for his books presented to the Library.

Parliament holden 24 June, 1664.

Mr. Mountague, the Queen's Attorney-General, chosen Reader for the summer, is confirmed; and Messrs. Hervey and Constantine appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. Turnor, Rives, Beare, Barton. *Latin.*

Stewards:—Messrs. John Buller, William Swanton, Israel Long, Robert Cotton. *Latin.*

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Lake, Constantine, Mundy, Barton, and Lisle, or any three, are appointed a committee for the kitchen and buttery and for commons. If the Steward will not accept the terms lately proposed, the committee is to find some other person who will. For the settlement thereof Parliament is adjourned till Friday next, at 6 o'clock.

The Steward's petition for increase of wages is referred to the same committee.

The petition of Mr. Richard Rudyard is referred to Mr. Treasurer. He complains that the stone wall and stone window supporting his chamber are so decayed by time and the weight of the new buildings over them, that the wall is cracked and open in divers places. He dares not lodge in his chamber, and others have removed from their chambers there.

Mr. Burdenand's fine for failure of an exercise is remitted, because Mr. W. Perrot was assigned and died a few days before the term. When notice was left at Mr. Burdenand's chamber, he was not in town, nor till after his failure. He hath since performed the exercises of this term.

A charitable gift of 40*s.* shall be given to William Stevens.

Mr. Francis Buller of the Utter Bar being chosen steward

to Mr. Constantine in his reading, has failed to pay the Steward 10*l.* He shall therefore pay 11*l.*, according to ancient orders, within a week, or his chamber will be seized.

Mr. Treasurer shall treat with Mr. Ashmole for the consolidation and an assignment in the third part of a chamber fallen to the House by Mr. W. Perrot's death.

Sir Edward Turnor, Sir Peter Ball, Mr. Lake, Mr. Proctor, and Mr. Hervey, or any three Masters in town, are appointed a committee to examine the patent and other deeds concerning the House's title, and to report at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 28 Oct., 1664.

Mr. John Turnor was chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. John Barton for next summer. *Latin.*

Mr. John Ryves shall have a *salvo jure* of antiquity when he shall read.

The committee for commons is continued, and the Steward's petitions are referred to them.

The committee for the House's title is continued, and Mr. Hoskins added to it.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to write to Mr. George that it is his turn to read in Lent, and to ask him to declare at next Parliament whether he will read; and if not, that he would dispose of himself so that his Bench Chamber may be free to accommodate a Reader.

Mr. Roger Pepys and Mr. Tristram Conyers are called to the Bench.

Mr. Hoskins is chosen to succeed Mr. Mountagu as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Mr. Francis Barton and Mr. Thomas Scranton have an assignment granted to them in their chambers in Pumpe Court in consideration of their great charge in raising and new building them, and gaining thereby two chambers to the House.

The Porter is required not to suffer any coals, timber, or boards to be landed at Temple Stairs except for the service of the House.

Parliament holden 25 Nov., 1664.

No grand Christmas shall be kept, nor gaming suffered in the Hall. The allowance to those who keep commons at Christmas time is increased to 24*l.*

On the petition of Mr. Martin, a prisoner in Wood Street Compter, 8*l.* is given to him for his discharge and on his engagement to trouble them no more.

Messrs. Hussey, Lake, Proctor, Hervey, and Mundy, or any two, are desired to audit Mr. Treasurer's account.

Messrs. Proctor and Mundy are added to the committee to examine deeds concerning the House's title; to consider the suit by ejectment now prosecuted for the recovery of some part of Scales Inn; to discourse with Mr. Alexander Brome about it; and to report at next Parliament.

At Mr. George's request, the order of last Parliament is discharged, and the *salvo* granted him by a former order is continued.

On the report of the committee for commons, 21*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* shall be paid to the Steward for apparells from the end of last Lent vacation to the end of last Long Vacation. They will consider further about commons and the Steward's proposals till next term.

The brewer's petition that 21*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* is due to him for beer spent last Christmas is referred to Mr. Treasurer, who is to move the gentlemen concerned to discharge what is due.

Mr. John Cocks' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer, who is desired to settle the difference between him and Mr. Ryves if he can, or report at next Parliament.

The chambers of gentlemen who have disregarded the notes of arrears and Mr. Treasurer's summons to attend him, shall be seized and padlocked. If the arrears are not paid before next Parliament, the chambers shall be sold or their bonds put in suit.

Messrs. J. Proby, E. Saunders, G. Fettiplace, T. Scranton, P. Pett, J. Scambler, T. Wetenhall, F. Head, H. Calverley, R. Verney, W. Ruffin, J. Harewell, G. Hamley, E. King, H. Baker, E. Harris, C. Pack, G. Evelyn, and S. Collins are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Messrs. B. Ashburnham, E. Stephens, N. Chyles, and J. Williamson are also called of grace.

Parliament holden 27 Jan., 1664.

Mr. Fitzgerald, the Library Keeper, is dismissed for being absent two years without leave, his place being very negligently supplied. Mr. Daniel Kerry, a member of this Society, is

appointed in his room, with the chamber next the roof over the Library, now in possession of Mr. Fitzgerald or his assigns, with the usual profits, and giving security.

A sum of 6*l.* 12*s.* is allowed for music and torches to the gentlemen in commons this last Christmas, who kept no gaming Christmas.

The last Treasurer's account is allowed.

The suit by ejectment for recovery of some part of Scales Inn shall be proceeded in to trial. Mr. Alexander Brome shall receive directions from Mr. Treasurer for the management thereof.

The Steward's petition for apparells is referred to the committee for commons, who are desired to report specially how the same arise, and to receive the Steward's positive demands for undertaking commons at a certain rate by the week. Mr. Treasurer is desired to send for the gentlemen mentioned in the petition to be in arrears for commons, that the Steward may be paid.

An order made 21 Nov., 1651, that gentlemen shall not pay more than 8*s.* a week towards commons in vacations, and that the overplus shall be paid out of the Treasury, shall be revoked. Hereafter there shall be no apparells but broken sums under 20*s.*, which are to be cast into commons the week following.

On the petition of Adam Felton, tenant to a scrivener's shop near the great Gate in Middle Temple Lane, a lease with a schedule of the goods shall be given him for twenty-one years if he live so long, at 4*l.* yearly rent.

The order for payment for the beer used at Christmas 1663, is continued.

Unless the gentlemen in arrears for duties pay before next Friday, Mr. Treasurer is desired to put the order made last Parliament in execution.

On the Butlers' petition showing that they had not promoted a public Christmas, gratuities of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* are given to Richard Bucknall, and 5*l.* to George Eales and John Chaloner.

Mr. Treasurer, Mr. Mountagu, the Queen's Attorney, and Mr. Lake are desired to view a piece of ground which Lord Fanshaw wishes to include in his office, having procured leave from the Inner Temple to build, and to report next Parliament.

Parliament holden 10 Feb., 1664.

Mr. John Turnor, chosen Reader for next Lent, is confirmed. Messrs. Constantine and Mountagu, the Queen's Attorney-General, are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. J. Ryves, J. Barton, B. Beare, W. Northey. *Latin.*

Stewards:—Messrs. C. Row, A. Carre, E. Cowlding, J. Marshall. *Latin.*

Mr. Treasurer is desired to take care that the security given by Mr. Fitzgerald, the late Library Keeper, is not delivered to him till the books wanting in the Library are made good.

On report of the committee, 24*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* shall be paid to the Steward for apparells from the end of last Long Vacation to the first whole week of Hilary Term.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to take care that surveyors for the kitchen and buttery are appointed at the beginning of every term; and meantime to remedy the abuses in the buttery as best he can.

Unless the gentlemen concerned satisfy the brewer for the beer spent last Christmas twelvemonth, their bonds shall be put in suit, or their chambers seized.

Unless Mr. William Swanton of the Utter Bar and Sir Robert Cotton, appointed stewards to Mr. Mountagu in his readings, pay 11*l.* within a week after notice for failing to pay their 10*l.* to the Steward, their chambers shall be seized.

Mr. Turnor, now Reader, having been a builder, and therefore admitted to his present chamber with an assignment, has leave to transfer his chamber with an assignment. He shall be accommodated with the next void Bench Chamber which he thinks fit to accept.

On the petitions of Matthew Taylor, Edmund Ball, John Young, John Ball, and William Stevens, alleging their obedience to the Bench's commands in not promoting a gaming Christmas and their losses for want of it, 5*l.* shall be given to Matthew Taylor, Chief Washpot, and 50*s.* to each of the others. This is not to be a precedent.

Parliament holden 21 April, 1665.

Mr. Dawleman's chamber shall be seized and sold to discharge his arrears for duties and commons and for the beer

spent Christmas twelvemonth, a good part of the money for which was left in his hands.

Noblemen, knights, and persons of great quality admitted by Readers shall be entered by the Sub-Treasurer into the Parliament Book of Admittances, according to the ancient course. The Sub-Treasurer or his servant shall attend accordingly in reading times.

Mr. Treasurer, Sir Edward Turnor, Messrs. Mountagu, Lake, and Hervey, or any two, are appointed a committee to consider the proposals concerning the Steward, to treat with him, and to report at next Parliament.

The Steward's petition for apparells in the last vacation is referred to the same committee, to examine how there come to be any apparells, as at last Parliament it was ordered that there should be no apparells but broken sums under 20*s.*, to be afterwards cast into commons.

Messrs. Constantine, Turnor, Barton, and Bramston are added to the former committee to inquire about the late disorders in reading times, and if necessary to meet the other Inns of Court about it, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to send for the gentlemen mentioned in the Steward's petition as in arrear for commons eaten in the Hall. Unless they pay before next Parliament, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit and themselves put out of commons.

Mr. Scot shall be paid for the bottles lost in the Hall the last grand day. Hereafter the Butlers shall pay for bottles which miscarry under their charge.

A gratuity of 40*s.* each shall be given to the Porter and Henry Freeman.

Parliament holden 5 May, 1665.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to write to Mr. George to ask whether he will read or not next summer. The Bench expects his positive answer at next Parliament.

The committee appointed to consider Mr. Minour's proposals in reference to the Steward and his employment, are desired to require the Steward to produce his rolls; to examine what is due to him for commons from those having chambers in the House and from those having none; to report distinctly their names, the sums due, and who have chambers, on Tuesday next.

Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Proctor are desired to exemplify the verdict by which the Bench lately recovered a tenement in Mayden Lane granted to them by Mr. Charles Cocks; to treat with one Powell, who has for many years held the said tenement without paying rent, about his arrears and repairs. If they can make no reasonable end with him, to consider the best way of recovering the arrears, and also a cellar formerly belonging to the tenement, and now in possession of one Low, whose house is at some distance, and held under another title; to consider how to charge Powell with the repairs and the costs upon this verdict, he maintaining and prosecuting the suit, and the defendant Cates being it is feared insolvent; to provide an able tenant; to consider the Sub-Treasurer for his pains, and to report at next Parliament.

The Bench will give the Inner Temple the ground they desire without rent if they will grant to their Masterships such chamber as Mr. Treasurer shall accept, deliver up the lease made by Mr. Ford, and release all claim to the rent and ground therein mentioned.

Parliament holden 2 June, 1665.

Mr. Ezra Harris of the Utter Bar shall be admitted with an assignment to a chamber in Pumpe Court, for which he has contracted with Mr. Northey, with a fine of 10*l.*

On the report of the committee, 14*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* shall be paid to the Steward for apparells from the first whole week in Hilary Term to the first week in Easter Term. His petition for apparells for last vacation is referred to the committee.

Parliament holden 9 June, 1665.

Apparells shall be paid to the Steward from the first whole week in Easter Term to the first whole week of this term, 10*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.*

Mr. George Gilbert Peirce of the Utter Bar shall be admitted into a chamber in the passage between Elme Court and Pumpe Court for which he has contracted with Mr. Calthorpe, in consideration of his having laid out 50*l.* on another chamber and of respect to his father, Sir Edmond Peirce, with a fine of 5*l.* This grant shall not be drawn into a precedent.

Mr. Daniel Earle on account of sickness has leave to read at New Inn by deputy.

Adjourned till Wednesday after supper to consider of putting off the reading this summer and breaking up commons because of the increase of the sickness in and about London.

Parliament holden by adjournment 13 June, 1665.

On account of the plague increasing, there shall be no readings this summer, nor any vacation for the attendance of any who have vacations to serve. On Saturday week commons shall be dissolved, the gates and passages between the Houses made up, and watchmen appointed to look to the House, of whose allowance the Benchers will consider. Their Masterships take it kindly that the Sub-Treasurer has offered to stay in town in this dangerous time, and have therefore left all things to his care.

Parliament holden 9 Feb., 1665.

Because of the continuance of the sickness, there shall be no reading this Lent nor any vacation for the attendance of those who have vacations to serve, but commons shall break up on Saturday week. The six watchmen who attended at the gate shall be paid 5*s.* a week each and 5*s.* over, and then be discharged.

As a reward for the Sub-Treasurer's care of the House in this dangerous time, a ground chamber in the passage towards the north Churchyard, fallen to the House by Mr. J. Plaistow's death, is given to him. Any person nominated by him shall be admitted thereto without fine.

Mr. Lake is chosen to succeed Mr. Hoskins as Treasurer at the end of this Parliament.

Sir Edward Turner, Messrs. Proctor, Mundy, and Turnor, or any two, are desired to audit Mr. Treasurer's account.

Mr. William Booth and Mr. Richard Wallop shall be called to the Bench in order to their readings.

The Steward's petition for apparells from the first whole week of Trinity Term to the time that commons broke up, is referred to Messrs. Lake and Mundy, to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer shall attend the Lord Chancellor to know whom he will nominate to be admitted into the chamber in Pumpe Court late his son's.

The infected goods removed from Mr. Goodhand's chamber shall remain where they are till next Parliament.

The Porter shall have 10*l.* gratuity for his service during the sickness; and the three Puisne Butlers and Chief Wash-pot 20*s.* each.

Parliament holden 4 May, 1666.

Mr. Hoskins' account is allowed.

The Steward's apparells, 10*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.*, shall be paid. Mr. Treasurer shall signify to him that in future the former order will be strictly observed.

Mr. C. Goodhand's chamber, having been long seized, shall be sold by Mr. Treasurer for the arrears. The Under-Treasurer shall be indemnified for his care about the sale of the goods left there.

The Porter's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer to report at next Parliament.

Mrs. Feary, the late joiner's widow, on discharging the House of the small sum due to her, shall be remitted all the rent of the joiner's shop due at Ladyday last.

At the request of divers gentlemen whose chambers are in Essex Court, the Palsgrave tavern door shall be opened during the term.

Mr. Turnor shall have the Bench Chamber in the passage into Bricke Court, late in possession of Talbot Pepys, deceased.

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Proctor and Turnor, or any two of them, are appointed a committee to treat with the Inner Temple about choosing a Lecturer, and what allowance shall be made to him.

The same committee are likewise desired to consider pulling down the brick wall enclosing the lower garden and disposing the bricks for the benefit of the House, and to report at next Parliament.

Adjourned to Friday next.

Parliament holden 25 May, 1666.

Mr. John Proby of the Utter Bar, chamber-fellow with his brother, Sir Thomas, who is willing to surrender his part to him and extinguish his assignment, may hold both parts consolidated for life or as long as he keeps them in his own hands, paying double duties, all but commons, and 20*s.* fine; to be two chambers again when he dies or parts with them.

The Palsgrave tavern door shall continue open till the end of next term, unless there is cause to the contrary.

On Mr. Treasurer's report, twenty nobles shall be paid to the Porter for his charges in candles and firing for the watchmen during the sickness, though the House "had not wont" to make any such allowance.

The widow of Dr. Griffith shall be paid 20*l.* for the remainder of the time wherein her husband officiated as Lecturer to the Temple.

During the infirmity of John Chaloner, the Puisne Butler, the Butler next above him shall collect the money due on the roll allowed the officers instead of the Calveshead feasts.

The Steward's petition for 9*l.* 11*s.* 1*d.* for apparells in Hilary Term is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

A paper was presented with the names of very many persons long discontinuants and much in arrears upon the rolls. This is to be considered to-day week, whether to leave them out of the rolls or to sue their bonds; and what course to take with gentlemen who leave the House and do not discharge their duties, and give notice to leave their names out of the rolls.

The chambers of Messrs. W. Lisle, R. Scudamore, and G. Booth shall be sold for their great arrears.

The chambers of gentlemen who have had personal notice to pay their arrears, shall be seized or their bonds sued, unless they pay before the first Parliament of next term. For those who have not had personal notice, the time is extended to the end of next Parliament. The Sub-Treasurer or his servant must endeavour to give them notice of this order.

Messrs. J. Whitmore, E. Coulding, J. Higdon, O. Moseley, and H. Constantine are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Messrs. J. Marshall, M. Dickenson, A. Weldon, G. Underwood, H. Darell, M. Bramston, A. Turnor, G. Britton, T. Garfoot, J. Hore, and G. Pudsey are called of grace. Mr. Pudsey must pay his duties and deposit 50*l.*, or be admitted into a chamber before he is published.

Gentlemen who desire to be called to the Bar shall attend the Masters of the Bench with a certificate under the Sub-Treasurer's hand, according to the ancient course. The Sub-Treasurer is forbidden to certify for any gentleman, or to propose his name, unless he has full time and a chamber.

There shall be no reading this summer because of the continuance of the sickness.

Parliament holden 22 June, 1666.

Mr. Andrew Cholwich's chamber shall be seized for arrears of duties.

On the petition of Jeremy Gregory, watchmaker, Mr. Treasurer, on his surrendering his lease, shall make a new lease of the shop without Middle Temple Gate to Thomas Twyford, milliner, for twenty-one years, reserving the former rent of 10*l.* a year.

The chambers of gentlemen summoned by Mr. Treasurer who did not attend, and have not since paid their duties, shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit.

The brewer's petition for 105*l.* due to him by the Steward for beer, and praying to be paid at the end of every term, is referred to Mr. Treasurer. The Steward shall bring in a bill of all his debts to tradesmen to Mr. Treasurer, who is desired to report thereon at next Parliament.

Edward and Lucius, sons of Sir Edward Smith, Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas in Ireland, late one of the Masters of the Bench, shall be admitted without fine.

On the petition of John Ball, who alleges that he has no allowance as under washpot but their Mastership's gift, 40*s.* shall be given to him.

Mr. Robert Day is fined 5*l.* for failing to read at New Inn. Their Masterships hear that he does not practise the law, and has for some time discontinued the House. A new paper with the next six names in the former paper, except Sir Thomas Proby, who has paid all his duties, surrendered his chamber, and left the House, shall be sent by Mr. Treasurer to the Treasurer of New Inn.

Mr. Treasurer must examine the patent granted by King James of the soil of both Temples to feoffees of both Houses, how it has been conveyed from time to time, and who of the present feoffees are living, that a new conveyance may be made if their Masterships see cause; and the like for Mr. Cocks' trust.

Parliament holden 29 June, 1666.

On Mr. Treasurer's report that there was owing to the brewer for beer spent at Christmas 1664, 27*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.*, which beer was laid in by the Butler's appointment at the end of Michaelmas Term for the term following; that Mr. Hoskyns when Treasurer had summoned the gentlemen who then kept commons, and found that there was in the hands of Mr. W. Clarke, 2*l.* 5*s.*, of Mr. H. Hall, 2*l.* 13*s.*, of Mr. R. Dawleman, 11*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*, which, amounting to 16*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.*, he had paid to the brewer, leaving 11*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* due to him; and that about twelve months since, by Sir Peter Ball's direction, five barrels of beer remaining in the cellar were given to the watchmen; it is ordered that the said 11*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* and the five barrels be paid for out of the Treasury. Mr. Treasurer is desired to endeavour to get the gentlemen then in commons to pay the said money. Mr. Treasurer must have time to inform himself about the cast out beer petitioned to be paid for by the brewer, and to report at the first Parliament of next term.

Mr. Treasurer is also to examine what is owing to the Steward by gentlemen, and what he owes to the persons he deals with, and to report on Wednesday after supper.

Mr. Treasurer is to examine when Mr. Day was last in commons, it having been alleged in abatement of his fine and duties that he had not been in commons for six or seven years.

Mr. Pemberton's petition for leave to erect a shed on a spot of waste ground upon the backside of the storehouse, viz. 9 feet by 12 feet, is referred to Mr. Treasurer. If it may be done without annoyance, he, or rather any friend of his who is a member of the House, may have a lease for twenty-one years at 21*s.* rent.

At the Porter's desire, with whom John Carre, instrument maker, had contracted for 6*l.* a year rent for a shop under the Great Gate, a lease shall be given to Carre at the same rent for twenty-one years if he live so long.

A gratuity of 20*s.* shall be given to William Stevens.

The Steward's petition for 13*l.* 9*s.* 5*d.* for apparells from the beginning of Easter Term to the beginning of the first whole week of this term, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Porter's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer to take a moderate fine to admit such person as he shall nominate into a chamber lately fallen to the House by Mr. W. Hall's death.

At the desire of the farmers of the King's revenue for hearths and stoves, expressed by Mr. Rushworth their solicitor, the Sub-Treasurer or his servant shall go with their officer to all the chambers to see whether a true return is made. The Benchers will appoint an officer of their own to collect the duty, to whom the farmers will allow 9*d.* in the pound.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to show Mr. E. Ashmole favour in his composition for his vacations and assignments, as a return for his presents of books.

Considering that there is some continuance of the sickness, commons shall continue till Saturday three weeks for the attendance of those who have vacations to serve or will bring in exercises, but commons shall break up then.

Parliament holden 26 Oct., 1666.

Mr. John Barton was chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Balthazar Beare for next summer. *Latin.*

Mr. Mountagu, the Queen's Attorney, and Mr. Bramston are appointed a committee to propose to the Inner Temple that the Church should be finished by Sunday week; that Mr. Buck, having been a great sufferer in the late fire, should succeed Dr. Griffith, deceased, as Lecturer, and to consider of a salary for him; that a view should be taken by both Houses of the ground in the Churchyard where the chambers belonging to this House stood; to consider the several interests therein, and how both Houses may be accommodated in the rebuilding; and to report on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Hervey, Constantine, Mundy, and Bramston, or any two, are desired to take the Sub-Treasurer's account of money spent at the late fire in the Temples, what promises were made by him, and what rewards given; and to consider of a reward for him for his labour in quenching the fire and preserving the Temple.

John Alsop's petition is referred to the same committee.

On the petition of Edmond Ball, John Young, William Stevens, John Ball, and Robert Thomas, 20*s.* each is given to them for watching at the Gate.

Further time is given to Mr. Treasurer to examine whether

there is any more money in the hands of any gentlemen who kept commons in Christmas, 1664, and about the cast out beer.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to examine what debts are owing by gentlemen to the Steward, and where other means have been ineffectual, to deliver their bonds to the Steward to be put in suit.

On Mr. Treasurer's report that from the buttery book he found that Mr. Day was in commons from 29 April, 1665, to 6 May following, the fine of 5*l.* shall be continued and doubled, unless paid before next Parliament.

The payment of apparells is suspended, and the order that there shall be none but broken sums to be cast into commons the next week shall be renewed. The Steward is required to acquaint the casters up of commons with this order.

On the petition of Mary Burt, widow of James Evington, on her surrendering her lease, Mr. Treasurer shall make a new lease to Francis Mills, milliner, for the remainder of the time in the former lease, at the same rent.

The Steward's petition for apparells, 12*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.*, from the beginning of the first whole week in Trinity Term till commons breaking up, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

There shall be no music in the Hall this term but on the grand day, and then only at dinner.

Mr. Anthony Barker is chosen to succeed Mr. Lake as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Parliament holden by adjournment 31 Oct., 1666.

For the regulating of commons and reducing them to some certainty for the encouragement of those who keep commons, it is ordered that commons shall not exceed 5*s.* 6*d.* a man a week in the kitchen, and 2*s.* 6*d.* in the buttery. If any overplus shall be in the kitchen above the said rate in any week, except grand weeks and reading weeks, it shall be cast upon the Steward to be paid out of his purse. If any overplus shall be in the buttery, it shall be cast upon the Butlers to be paid by them. This way of commons shall begin next week. In pursuance of ancient orders, commons shall be orderly set in the Hall, to be eaten there and not in the buttery or elsewhere. No person shall have bread, beer, or commons from the kitchen or buttery carried to his chamber.

The Stewards shall acquaint the casters up of commons with this order, and it shall be fixed upon the screen.

Last week's commons shall be set at 8*s.* 6*d.* a man, and the overplus put in apparells.

No person shall be called and admitted to the Bench unless admitted to a chamber or depositing 50*l.* He shall not surrender or dispose of his chamber nor take out his 50*l.* till he has read, without consent of Parliament. Any one refusing to read shall lose his chamber or his 50*l.* Those now of the Bench who have not chambers nor have read, shall procure themselves to be admitted into a chamber or deposit 50*l.* before the first Parliament of next term, or be disbenched. They shall not surrender or dispose of their chambers nor take out their 50*l.* till they have read. Those refusing to read shall lose their chambers or their 50*l.* None now of the Bench and having chambers but not having read, shall surrender or dispose of their chambers until they have read, without consent of Parliament. Any refusing to read shall lose his chamber.

Messrs. Thomas Rawlins and Antony Collins shall be called to the Bench in order to their readings.

Mr. Mountagu, the Queen's Attorney, may transfer his chamber with an assignment to his son.

Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Antony Barker, the Treasurer elect, are desired to examine the evidences to discover who are the surviving feoffees, and in whom the title of the Temples is; what interest any person had in the building on the east side of the Churchyard in the two staircases next the Church lately burnt down; the names of the persons and to which House they belonged; and how the interest of this House may be separated from that of the Inner Temple in rebuilding.

Gratuities of 10*l.* shall be given to the Sub-Treasurer for his services in the fire, and 10*s.* each to Goodale and Butler, watermen.

Parliament holden 23 Nov., 1666.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to take care that the money for hearths and stoves due at Michaelmas, 1665, now collected, be paid to the Commissioners, and to require the Butler to collect the remainder speedily.

On the petition of Mr. John Bishop that his chamber is

much darkened and made almost useless by a jetty set up by Mr. Henry Higden, the latter is to attend the Parliament on Wednesday next after supper.

No public Christmas shall be kept, nor commons continue in the Hall at Christmas. The Butlers and other officers are absolutely forbidden to solicit the gentlemen for the keeping of a public Christmas.

The chambers of gentlemen in arrear to the Steward or House, who have been summoned by Mr. Treasurer, shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit.

Mr. Mountagu, the Queen's Attorney, Messrs. Hoskins, Hervey, Mundy, and Turnor, or any two, are desired to audit Mr. Treasurer's accounts.

On the petition of gentlemen, whose chambers in the Churchyard were lately burnt down, to have leave to rebuild, Messrs. Mountagu and Bramston, or two Masters to be named at the Bench table, are appointed to treat with the Inner Temple for assigning ground for them to build on. They shall acquaint the Inner Temple with Dr. Ball's proposals to this Parliament.

Sir Edward Turnor, Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Hoskins, Constantine, and John Turnor, or any three, are appointed a committee to consider Dr. Ball's proposals, and to treat with the Master of the Temple and the Benchers of the Inner Temple about them, and to report at next Parliament.

Henry Freeman is confirmed Porter in place of Robert Lucas, deceased.

John Nunwicke is appointed Turnbroach in place of Henry Freeman for his services in the late fire, if he will accept it, or else he shall be recompensed some other way.

The Steward shall be paid 25*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.* for apparells from the beginning of Easter Term to the beginning of Michaelmas Term, and 2*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* for apparells for the first week of Michaelmas Term.

All the gentlemen of the Utter Bar are fined 3*s.* 4*d.* each for their neglect of attendance on their Masterships at this Parliament according to custom, Mr. J. Verney excepted. A roll shall be made for the same.

Adjourned to Wednesday after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 28 Nov., 1666.

On the committee's report, Mr. Buck is unanimously chosen Lecturer for the present, with the same allowances as Dr. Griffith.*

The committee for treating with Dr. Ball and the Inner Temple is desired to measure the ground on the east side of the Churchyard belonging to gentlemen of this House, and to treat with the Inner Temple for assigning ground for them to build on.

The order of last Parliament for the rates of commons is confirmed. Mr. Steward must answer Mr. Treasurer before he leaves town, whether he will undertake commons at these rates.

The petition of Mr. Moore and Mr. Pemberton is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The petition of George Eales for leave to build a shed in some vacant place in Essex Court for a shoemaker to work in, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The four men who managed the two water engines in the late fire shall have 20*s.* each.

Free gifts of 40*s.* shall be given to William Stevens, and 20*s.* to old Best's widow. The rent and wages due to the Porter for the quarter ending at Christmas next, shall be divided between the new Porter and the late Porter's widow.

John Nunwicke shall succeed Henry Freeman in the kitchen. The care of the engine shall be committed to him. The allowance of 40*s.* a year to Matthew Taylor for looking to it shall be divided between them. Nunwicke shall assist the Porter for more security to the House this vacation, that one of them may be constantly walking up and down.

Parliament holden 25 Jan., 1666.

Mr. Proctor is nominated Treasurer on Mr. Antony Barker's death.

The account of Mr. Lake, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

Two Masters of the Bench shall be named to-morrow at the Bench table as a committee to treat with the Inner Temple concerning the rebuilding of the burnt chambers.

* The last clause was added at the next Parliament.

Henry Tickner, servant to Mr. Webb, the Chief Cook, shall be Turnbroach.

John Ball shall have the management and care of the engine.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to take the Steward's final resolution whether he will undertake commons at the fixed rates.

The petition of Messrs. Moore and Pemberton is referred to the now Treasurer.

Robert Beasly is chosen Puisne Butler on Mr. Treasurer's recommendation.

On the motion of Mr. Attorney-General, the administratrix of Mr. Matthew Palmer of the Utter Bar, deceased, has leave to transfer his chamber with an assignment, the gentleman to be admitted paying a fine of 5*l.*

The chamber of Messrs. M. Malett and F. Withins in Essex Court being strait for two, shall be consolidated and Mr. Withins admitted thereinto, paying double duties, all but commons, and a fine of 5*l.* Double fines shall hereafter be paid on every admittance to the chamber.

Mr. Spire's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Tate's fine, left in Mr. Lake's hand, shall be restored to him.

Mr. Barton shall have the Bench Chamber in Little Court up one pair of stairs and a half, late in possession of Mr. Antony Barker, deceased.

Parliament holden 8 Feb., 1666.

The Steward shall attend Mr. Treasurer before Tuesday night with a paper of the sums owing to him by gentlemen. Mr. Treasurer shall cause the bonds of those summoned to be put in suit, and summon others. Hereafter commons shall be paid for beforehand at the rates settled in the order of last Parliament, to begin the first week of next term. Mr. Treasurer and other Masters are desired to inquire of a fit person for Steward, and settle him in the place before next term.

Mr. Treasurer shall propose to the gentlemen whose chambers on the east side of the Churchyard were burnt, that they shall have leave to build if they build with brick and finish the building before Michaelmas twelvemonth. Every builder shall have in his chamber an estate for one life and two assignments after, and shall name the first life within three months after the said time or the finishing of the building, whichever happens first. The first admission shall be for

life without fine, and 40*s.* fine to be paid on each assignment. Mr. Treasurer shall receive from them a model of the building.

Robert Hervey shall take the place of Matthew Taylor, Chief Washpot, during his sickness.

Parliament holden by adjournment 12 Feb., 1666.

Mr. Barrett's petition is referred to Sir Peter Ball, Mr. Treasurer, Mr. Bramston, and Mr. Collins, or any two, who are desired to view the Great Gate and consider of new building it, and to report at next Parliament.

John Ball shall be given 40*s.* as a gratuity.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to report on the Butlers' petition at next Parliament.

Upon the report of the committee who conferred with the Inner Temple, that they proposed that both Houses should agree about a salary for the Lecturer, and that the Inner Temple might have the nomination of him; the debate is put off till the first Parliament of next term.

At Mr. Francis Barton's request the chamber in Pumpe Court which he holds with an assignment shall be divided, and Mr. Combes be admitted into one part thereof with an assignment.

The chambers of gentlemen summoned by Mr. Treasurer for their arrears, who did not attend him or pay their duties, shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit, if the arrears are not paid in a week on notice of this order being given them or left at their chambers.

The feefarm rent shall be paid to the Queen's Receiver, it being settled as part of her jointure.

The Puisne Butler is appointed to collect the money due for hearths and stoves at Ladyday, 1666, and the arrears since then.

Parliament holden 26 April, 1667.

Mr. Treasurer, Mr. Barton, and Mr. Bramston, or any two, are appointed a committee to treat with Mr. Maurice Eady upon his proposals to be Steward, and to consider the security which he offers; and to consider the Butlers' proposals, and to report on Monday after supper.

If Mr. John Bodkin will put in good bail before a Judge or give Mr. Treasurer good security to pay the sums for which he

stands engaged to the Steward and House in Trinity Term next, further proceedings against him shall stay.

The gentlemen whose chambers in the Churchyard were burnt shall stake out the ground on which they desire to build with all expedition, and give Mr. Treasurer a model of the building as they would have it built.

The order on Mr. Barrett's petition is continued.

On debating an order of last Parliament, Mr. Buck shall be confirmed Lecturer with the same salary as Dr. Griffith. Messrs. Turner and Barton are desired to answer the Inner Temple that their Masterships conceive the ground of their desire to have the nomination of the Lecturer to be a mistake, and to ask them if they concur in Mr. Buck to give him the same allowance.

As the gentlemen keeping commons last vacation would sign the accounts but at 6*s.* 6*d.* a week a man and cast the rest of the weekly charge in apparells, to be paid by the House, which is destructive to the Society and contrary to the order; the Steward is to make a new roll and charge the gentlemen then in commons at 8*s.* a man a week, if the commons come to so much; if they amount to more, to cast the surplusage above 8*s.* in apparells; to acquaint Mr. Treasurer with the sum charged upon the gentlemen, and with the sum to be cast in apparells, that he may report it at next Parliament. Mr. Steward shall be paid 21*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* for apparells from the grand week in Michaelmas Term to the end of the week before the Feast of the Purification.

Mr. Mountagu, the Queen's Attorney, shall have the Bench Chamber in Vine Court, late in possession of Mr. Lake, deceased. Mr. Barton shall have time given him to choose the Bench Chamber in the Garden Buildings, now in possession of Mr. Mountagu, till Monday night.

If Mr. Mountagu can agree with Mr. Page, the former shall also hold Mr. Page's chamber in the Churchyard, adjoining the Bench Chamber late in possession of Mr. Lake. But they are to be two chambers again when he leaves, and Mr Page is to have his chamber again if living.

Parliament holden by adjournment 29 April, 1667.

The proposals of Mr. Eady and the Butlers touching commons are referred back to the committee, to report on Friday next.

Parliament holden by adjournment 3 May, 1667.

Mr. Maurice Eady shall have the place of Steward to-morrow night. He shall be allowed 6*s.* a week a man for commons in the kitchen in respect of the present dearness of provisions till next term, afterwards 5*s.* 6*d.* On the Butlers undertaking commons at 2*s.* 6*d.* a week a man in the buttery, they shall have the poundage for bread and beer. Commons shall be paid for beforehand. The Chief Butler shall keep the paper and collect the money. In respect of extraordinary charges alleged in the proposals, Mr. Eady shall be allowed 40*l.* a year out of the Treasury at 10*l.* a term. If he shall desire to undertake the commons in the buttery as well, he shall have the buttery too, and be allowed 2*s.* 6*d.* a man a week, with the poundage for bread and beer.

The steps out of Essex Court into a garden, late in possession of Mr. Serjeant Maynard, shall be taken away, and notice left at that house to "mure up" the door and make good the wall.

Parliament holden 17 May, 1667.

Mr. Barton is chosen Reader for next summer.

Unless Mr. Bodkin puts in security according to the order of the last Parliament, the suit shall be prosecuted against him.

The proposals of the gentlemen whose chambers in the Churchyard were burned down, are referred to Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Hervey, Constantine, Mundy, Bramston, and Lechmere, or any two, to settle, so that the building may be forthwith put in hand. They are desired to take care that the House lose none of its ground, but that there be fifteen chambers or parts of chambers as before. The House will join in the building and bear some of the charge. Lest any difficulty should arise to hinder the building, Parliament is adjourned till Wednesday after supper.

The builders in Fleete Street are forbidden to build on the old Temple wall in the north Churchyard. If any of the builders or proprietors have anything to say, they must apply to Mr. Treasurer.

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Hervey, Constantine, Mundy, Bramston, and Lechmere, or any two, are appointed to consider the proposals of Mr. Eady, the Steward, for regulation of commons,

remedying abuses, and encouraging gentlemen to come into commons, to report at next Parliament.

The petition of Mr. Smith, late Steward, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, whom he must attend with a roll. Mr. Treasurer is desired to examine his demand of 28*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* for apparells, and if he see cause, to pay it, but he must take care that all persons with whom the Steward deals are paid, and that the House is discharged. The Steward shall have assistance in recovering the 181*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.* owed to him by gentlemen of the House. Mr. Treasurer is desired to speak with the present Steward and Mr. Smith together, and, if possible, accommodate Mr. Smith with a chamber, the better to get in his money.

The proposals for regulating abuses at reading times and grand days are to be considered at next Parliament.

Messrs. A. Nicholas, R. Hopwood, H. Goold, H. Hatsell, W. Clarke, N. Gould, G. Bradbury, and E. Umfrevile are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Mr. W. Style is called of grace.

An account shall be prepared against next Parliament of the chambers possessed by attorneys, and the former orders concerning them shall be read.

Mr. Bramston, a Master of the Bench, shall have a lease of the cellar on the backside of the storehouse, now in possession of Mr. Moore, for twenty-one years at 20*s.* yearly rent.

On Mr. Henry Baker paying his fine, Mr. Treasurer shall return it, as it appears that Mr. Baker's default was by mistake.

Unless Mr. Milborne pays within a week the fine of 20*l.* for not reading, Mr. Treasurer shall see the former orders executed.

Robert Morley's petition for a debt of 7*l.* 10*s.* of Mr. Thomas Goodhand who died of the sickness, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to examine whether, when the House is discharged of the duties owing by Charles and Thomas Goodhand, there is any overplus by the sale of the goods and chamber.

Parliament holden by adjournment 22 May, 1667.

On report of the committee, it is ordered that fifteen chambers shall be built on the ground in the Churchyard now staked out, and the building be forthwith put in hand. The committee is empowered to enlarge the building 6 or 8

feet in front if they see cause. The chambers to be disposed of as follows:—To the House, which will bear a proportion of the charge, three; Messrs. Thomas Walcott, Alexander Denton, Sir Nicholas Crispe, Messrs. Thomas Gape, Richard Ruddiard, Richard Hall, Thomas Vesey, George Bradbury, Robert Merrett, William Noyse, one each; and Mr. Edward Palmer two, as he held before a double chamber containing three stories. All shall bear their portion of the charge according to the goodness of their chambers. Messrs. Mountagu, Turner, and Mundy shall be added to the former committee, any three being empowered to allot the chambers and determine the charge, and any other differences which may arise.

The Porter shall have 3*l.* to buy a gown.

Parliament holden 7 June, 1667.

The suit at law shall be prosecuted against Mr. Bodkin.

Mr. Treasurer must take care that the 5*s.* a year agreed to be paid by Mr. Graham for leave to build on the old Temple wall and to have lights into the north Churchyard as formerly, be secured to the House.

Hereafter no common solicitor or attorney shall be admitted of the House or into any chamber or part without special order of Parliament, except the new builders in the Churchyard.

Unless gentlemen owing money to Mr. Smith, the late Steward, pay before 16 June, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

The committee appointed to consider Mr. Eady's proposals, etc., are desired to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Smith shall collect by deputy or personally the money due to him, and pay it to the Treasurer to be paid to his creditors. When they are paid he shall retain the rest. The 59*l.* 1*s.* due to him from the House for apparells shall be paid to such of his creditors as Mr. Treasurer shall appoint.

The lowermost story in the building to be raised on the east side of the Churchyard shall be 7½ feet clear between beams and floor, to be with or without chimneys at the builders' discretion, but to be ceiled as the rest of the floors. There shall be fifteen chambers over. Respect must be had to Mr. Alexander Denton, a builder, for one of the House chambers, when the committee allot the chambers.

The proposals for regulating abuses at reading times and on grand days are referred to Messrs. Mountague, Hervey, Constantine, Turner, and Mundy, or any two, to report at next Parliament.

Robert Hervey shall be Chief Washpot in the place of Matthew Taylor, deceased, giving securities accepted by Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. R. Cutts' arrears are referred to Mr. Treasurer to make some composition.

Parliament holden 21 June, 1667.

Mr. John Barton, chosen Reader for next summer, is confirmed. Mr. Mountagu, the Queen's Attorney-General, and Mr. Turner are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen :—Messrs. B. Beare, W. Northey, T. Williams, F. Bramston. *Latin.*

Stewards :—Messrs. G. Peirce, W. Whitlocke, W. Tomkins, H. Bestland. *Latin.*

Mr. Barton shall have the same allowance from the House as former Readers, and time to sell his chamber.

The committee about reading times and grand days is continued.

Mr. Barton shall have the Bench Chamber in the Garden Buildings, late in possession of Mr. Mountagu, with part of the Cook's room under it for a woodhouse.

Mr. Williams, on depositing 50*l.*, by Act of 31 Oct., 1666, shall have the Bench Chamber in Little court one pair of stairs and a half high, late in possession of Mr. Barton, with a *salvo jure* of any Masters of the Bench his ancients who shall read before him.

The order concerning Mr. H. Milborne shall be put in execution.

The brewer's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

Robert Hervey having acted for Matthew Taylor during his sickness, shall have the same salary for that time and in future.

Parliament holden 25 Oct., 1667.

Mr. William Northey was chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Thomas Williams for next summer. *Latin.*

Mr. Northey having accepted the Readership, shall have the Bench Chamber in Little Court, late Mr. Barker's.

Mr. Northey and Mr. Williams having no chambers, shall deposit 50*l.* until they read, by the Act of 31 Oct., 1666.

All persons fined for not reading, or pretermitted by their Masterships, shall go over to the ancient table, according to ancient usage.

Mr. Balthazar Beare is fined 50*l.* for refusing to read.

Robert Baseleigh, the Puisne Butler, shall have 3*l.* a year for keeping the clock.

Mr. Francis Hervey is chosen to succeed Mr. Proctor as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Mr. Treasurer reported that there was an arrear due to the brewer for beer spent in the Hall and not cast into commons, beginning divers years since. The Chief Butler alleged that often the surveyor of the buttery and casters up of commons would not cast into commons all the beer spent, but often leave out divers barrels in a week, whereby the said debt arose. The Chief Butler must attend Mr. Treasurer before next Parliament, and show cause why he should not pay the brewer for beer which ought to have been cast into commons.

The chambers of gentlemen summoned by Mr. Treasurer who have not paid their duties, shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit, unless they pay within a week after notice.

Parliament holden by adjournment 31 Oct., 1667.

P. Packer, H. Clarke, J. Walker, Sir F. Clerke, R. Cuttes, S. Hervey, A. Staples, and Sir J. Stowell are fined 20*l.* each for not reading.

Mr. Lestrange Calthorpe and Mr. Robert Stephens are called to the Bench in order to their readings.

On the complaint of Mr. Ashmole of the Utter Bar, Mr. H. Clarke's chamber shall be seized, and the order against suffering strangers to lodge in the House be revived.

Parliament holden 22 Nov., 1667.

On the petition of Mr. Smith, the late Steward, the Steward's books shall remain in the custody of Robert Harvey, who is to collect the money due to Mr. Smith. If any gentlemen neglect or refuse to pay, Mr. Treasurer is desired to seize their chambers, or put their bonds in suit.

The six watchmen who attended at the gate this last Long Vacation, shall have 40*s.* each.

Mr. Chapman, the Chief Butler, is ordered to attend Mr. Proctor and Mr. Hervey within a week, who are to examine him whether the beer petitioned for by the brewer as cast out beer was from time to time given in charge by the Chief Butler to the Steward. If so, Mr. Smith, then Steward, must pay the brewer for it; if not, the Chief Butler must pay.

Mr. Mountagu, Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Constantine, Turner, and Bramston, or any two, are appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Any three of their Masterships who tarry in town this next vacation are appointed a committee to regulate commons, to remove the "lettes" which are the cause of gentlemen not coming into commons, and to consider why the former orders of *visus in villa* were set aside.

Mr. Balthazar Beare's fine for not reading is reduced to 30*l.* Mr. Alexander Staples, having declared his intention to read, is discharged his fine, shall be called to the Bench, and have his antiquity. Mr. John Walker, Sir Francis Clerke, Mr. Richard Cutts, and Mr. Stephen Hervey are discharged their fines for not reading.

Mr. H. Collins and Mr. A. Collins are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Messrs. F. Barton, T. Gape, and J. Cocks are called of grace.

No person shall in ordinary course be called to the degree of the Utter Bar unless he shall have received the Sacrament in the Temple Church within a year before his call, which must be certified when he makes his application.

The Butler's petition is put off till the last Parliament of next term.

Mr. Robert le Wright has leave to transfer his chamber to the person with whom he has contracted.

Commons shall break up the Saturday before St. Thomas' day, and begin again Saturday after Twelfth day. No grand Christmas shall be kept.

Parliament holden 24 Jan., 1667.

Mr. Francis Bramston is chosen Reader for next Summer in place of Mr. Williams, lately deceased.

The accounts of Mr. Proctor the last Treasurer are allowed.

The order concerning cast out beer is continued till next Parliament. Mr. Treasurer is desired to speak to the brewer.

Ordered that every gentleman, as well of the Bar as under, who has a chamber or part, shall be in commons two whole weeks every term at least, the grand week to be one; the chambers of defaulters shall be cast into commons for the said two weeks. Commons shall be paid within a fortnight after every term, or chambers seized. Practising Barristers of this Society resorting to the city or Westminster in term times, though they have no chambers, must be in commons two weeks as above, or be cast into commons. In case of non-payment, their bonds will be put in suit. All other gentlemen shall be cast into commons the grand week in every term if they are seen in town. No one shall be called to the degree of the Utter Bar who has not been two whole weeks in commons every term for two years next before, or paid for the same. Mr. Treasurer shall not have power to make composition for absent commons without leave of the Parliament. This order shall be fixed on the screen.

Mr. Mountagu, Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Proctor, Treasurer, Constantine, Turner, Barton, Lechmere, and Conyers, or any three, are appointed a committee to consider the Steward's petition and to settle the business of commons.

The order of last Parliament for seizing the chambers or suing the bonds of gentlemen in arrear shall be put in execution. Mr. Treasurer is desired to give an account of his proceedings at next Parliament.

Bridget, wife of Richard Rowe, is given 40*s.* for her husband's service in the late fire at the Inner Temple.

Adjourned till Friday next.

Parliament holden by adjournment 31 Jan., 1667.

The committee formerly appointed is to settle the differences between gentlemen interested in the buildings in the Churchyard, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Barton shall be paid 10*l.* on behalf of Mr. William Tompkins, appointed a steward in his reading; and Mr. Tompkins' bond shall be put in suit to reimburse the House.

Every gentleman shall pay for his commons beforehand or within the week or half week that he is in commons, and in default to be put out of commons and yet be continued

in commons till he has paid. The Butler who keeps the paper of commons shall at the end of a week tell the Bench who are in arrears. The Steward shall have 7½*d.* and the Butler 2½*d.* out of every repaster.

The business of commons is referred back to the same committee, who are also to accommodate the matter between the Steward and Cook, and to require the Butlers to bring in an account of what they owe to the brewer, baker, and Steward, and to report at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 7 Feb., 1667.

Mr. William Northey, chosen reader for Lent, is confirmed, and Messrs. Turner and Barton appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. F. Bramston, N. Lechmere, Sir Henry Peckham, T. Conyers. *Latin.*

Stewards:—Messrs. J. Prescott, T. Sturges, C. Izard, S. Soame. *Latin.*

The differences between the gentlemen interested in the new building in the Churchyard, are referred to the same committee. Sir Henry Peckham, Mr. Rawlins, and Mr. Calthorpe are added to it, and desired to meet to-morrow night.

On the petition of the Hon. Charles Berty, esq., his chamber in Pumpe Court, which he shares with Mr. Orlibar, and which he has bettered at great cost, shall be consolidated, he paying double duties, all but commons, and a fine.

Mr. Packe's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mrs. Martha Broome's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

The brewer shall be paid 11*l.* 2*s.* for cast out beer long since due to him.

A gift of 20*s.* shall be given to the widow of old William Best.

Parliament holden by adjournment 12 Feb., 1667.

The allotments and values of the chambers of the new building in the Churchyard are as follows:—

The ground chamber north to Mr. Richard Rudyard at 175.*

The ground chamber south to Mr. William Noyse and Mr. Richard Hall at 190.

The chamber one pair of stairs north to Mr. Thomas Walcott at 200.

* No mark of value is added to these figures.

The chamber one pair of stairs south to Mr. Alexander Denton at 220.

The chamber two pair of stairs north to Mr. John Turner at 185.

The chamber two pair of stairs south to Mr. Attorney-General at 170.

The chamber three pair of stairs north to Sir Nicholas Crispe at 100.

The chamber three pair of stairs south to Mr. George Bradbury at 120.

The chamber four pair of stairs north to Mr. William Noyse and Mr. Richard Hall at 40.

The chamber four pair of stairs south to Mr. Thomas Gape at 50.

The cellar will be divided into eight parts. Mr. Attorney-General shall have first choice, then Mr. Turner, Mr. Walcott, Mr. Denton, Sir Nicholas Crispe, Mr. Bradbury, and the rest to be as the gentlemen concerned shall agree. For the rent of 5*l.* 10*s.* reserved before it was burnt, the ground chambers south and north shall be charged with a rent of 2*l.* each; the chamber three pair of stairs north with a rent of 20*s.*; and the chamber four pair of stairs south with a rent of 10*s.*

As Mr. Francis Barton and Mr. Thomas Scranton of the Utter Bar are willing to relinquish their assignments in two upper chambers in Pumpe Court, Mr. Barton shall be admitted into a ground chamber in Pumpe Court, late his father's, with an assignment.

Mr. Treasurer is to require Mr. Gravenor to remove Mr. Woodford out of Mr. Dove's chamber, the House being in great danger through his distemper. If not done in a few days, he shall seize and padlock up the chamber.

The bills for candles and wine are referred to Mr. Treasurer, to discover who provided them and why they did not pay for them, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer is to pay the demands of Mr. Smith, the late Steward, if he see cause, or report at next Parliament.

Robert Harvey, the Chief Washpot, shall have the remains of commons and exceedings of the upper mess at the Bench table, and one dish of meat on Parliament nights, when their Masterships have supped.

Parliament holden 10 April, 1668.

Mr. Bramston, Reader for next Autumn, shall have the Bench Chamber in the passage between Elme Court and Pumpe Court in possession of Sir Bulstrode Whitlocke, unless any Master of the Bench who has read chooses it in a week. Mr. Treasurer is desired, with all respect to Sir Bulstrode Whitlocke, to signify to him the necessity of this order.

Mr. Treasurer is to have the ground in Maiden Lane called Scales Inn, the gift of Charles Cocks, esq., measured; to do what is necessary for the interest of the House, and to report at next Parliament.

The bill for wine spent in the Hall, 10*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, shall be paid. In future the Steward must pay for wine spent in the Hall on grand days out of the 2*s.* a man allowed him in grand weeks.

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Proctor, Turnor, and Barton, or any of the Masters of the Bench in commons, are appointed a committee to assist Mr. Treasurer in getting in the arrears. The petitions of the Steward and brewer are referred to them. They are desired to take speedy order that the money collected by the Butlers may be paid to the Steward and brewer, and others to whom it is owing.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to examine a roll made by Mr. Smith, the late Steward, of the arrears of those who kept commons in Lent was twelvemonth, and would sign but at 6*s.* 6*d.* a week a man; to require one of the Butlers to collect the money, and to require from him an account of what he shall collect. The Butler may apply to Mr. Treasurer and to the committee appointed this Parliament for assistance, if necessary.

Unless Mr. Charles Izard and Samuel Soame pay their 10*l.* as stewards to Mr. Northey in his reading within a fortnight, their chambers shall be seized.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to examine the bill brought by Mr. Rudyard for abating the ground and gravelling the Churchyard, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. J. Crowther's chamber having been long seized for arrears of duties and forfeited vacations, shall be sold.

Unless Mr. J. Bodkin gives security within a week for the payment of the several sums for which he stands engaged to

the House, the suits commenced against him shall be prosecuted.

Parliament holden 1 May, 1668.

The order for Mr. Bramston to have Sir Bulstrode Whitelocke's Bench Chamber is confirmed, but their Masterships on any fit occasion will be willing to show Sir Bulstrode any respect.

The suits against Mr. Bodkin shall be proceeded with. The chambers of Mr. Beare, Mr. Clarke, Sir John Stowell, and Mr. Packer shall be seized and padlocked for not paying their fines *pro non legendo*.

Mr. Rudyard shall be paid 13*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, the moiety of the charge for abating the ground and gravelling the Churchyard.

The Puisne Butler shall pay the brewer 11*l.* in three days, or be put out of his place. He must endeavour with all diligence to collect the remaining *debets* and arrears for commons. What is short shall be made good by all the Butlers in proportion to their undertakings. They shall be repaid the 50*s.* spent by them for wine on grand days by the new Steward, if he received 2*s.* a man for ease of commons in grand weeks.

The petition of Messrs. Rudyard, Noyes, and Hall is referred to the committee who set the rates of chambers in the new building in the Churchyard, and to any other Masters who tarry in town this vacation. They are requested to report at next Parliament.

The business of commons is referred to the committee formerly appointed, and likewise Mr. Smith's roll of arrears for Lent vacation was twelvemonth. They are desired to speak with the auditors who signed commons then, and to report at next Parliament. If any gentleman to be called to the Bar owes anything on that roll, he shall not be published until it is paid. This is done to assist the Steward, and not because the arrears due to him are a debt incumbent on the Society.

On view of a platform of the admeasurement of Scales Inn belonging to this Society, and information that the City have appointed a surveyor to measure the ground before they give satisfaction to the Society for the ground they take away; it is ordered that the Sub-Treasurer shall attend the City surveyor for further measuring the ground, and that Mr.

Treasurer shall receive propositions from Mr. Brome for the new building of the ground left.

Messrs. C. Hancocke, E. Crayford, L. Swanton, A. Thompson, W. Wagstaffe, R. Anderson, E. Mew, L. Calthorpe, and T. Longe are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Messrs. H. Mountagu, N. Hooke, T. Harris, J. Gee, E. Bostocke, J. Perrott, J. Buck, T. Stanley, E. Eyles, J. St. Loe, and R. Cutts are called of grace. No one shall be published till he has brought a certificate of having received the Sacrament in the Temple Church within a year.

Mr. Peare shall have 10*l.* lent him.

Parliament holden 22 May, 1668.

Mr. Packer's fine of 20*l.* for not reading shall be reduced to twenty nobles if he pay at once.

On report of the committee, the rents charged on the ground chambers south and north in the new building on the east side of the Churchyard, by order of 12 Feb., 1667, are remitted; and Messrs. Rudyard and Noyes shall be admitted into them.

Mr. Treasurer is to inquire what officers have collected money for the buttery, and why they have not paid the brewer. Any officer not paying money in his hands within a week, shall be put out of his place.

Sir Francis Fane and Mr. J. Wight are called of grace to the degree of the Utter Bar, but not to be published until they bring certificates of having received the Sacrament in the Temple Church within a year. Sir Francis must be admitted to a chamber or deposit 50*l.*

Mr. John Entwisle of the Utter Bar, on paying the duties of Mr. J. Blundell and the charges of suit and saving the House harmless, shall have leave to prosecute the suit on Mr. Blundell's bond. Mr. Blundell shall not be admitted into commons again without giving new security.

The committee about the commons Lent was twelvemonth is desired to report at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 5 June, 1668.

Mr. Francis Bramston, chosen Reader for next Summer, is confirmed. Messrs. Barton and Northey are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Mr. N. Lechmere, Henry Peckham, knt., Messrs. T. Conyers and W. Booth. *Latin.*

Stewards:—Messrs. P. Shepheard, T. Bradgate, J. Honywood, and E. Stephens. *Latin.*

Mr. Francis North, being one of the King's Counsel, shall be called to the Bench.

Mr. T. Connesby must attend Parliament on Monday night to answer his contempt in twice breaking the padlock put on his chamber door by their Masterships' order for his arrears of duties, and for not repairing his roof.

On petition of Mr. H. Clarke of the Utter Bar, his fine of 20*l. pro non legendo* is reduced to five marks.

The petition of John Naylor, esq., administrator to Peter Naylor, late of New Inn, gent., deceased, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to settle the difference with the ancients of New Inn if possible, or to report at next Parliament.

Mr. N. Haggatt, omitted at the last call through being detained in the country, is called of grace to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to report whether Mr. Richard Graham can make a drain from his house through some part of the west end of the north Churchyard for conveyance of water only, without annoyance to the House; that if so, and the Inner Temple concur, he may have leave on some reasonable acknowledgment.

The Benchers of the Inner Temple must be conferred with about the encroachments and lights in the new building on the north side of the north Churchyard, that the owners of the houses may give some acknowledgment to the Societies for their lights, as Mr. Graham has done.

A case of Scales Inn shall be stated and presented to their Masterships at the Bench table.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to view the decay in the west side of the building in Vine Court over the Cloisters with the workmen of the House; to enjoin gentlemen interested to join in the charge of repairs, and confer with them about doing it. Mr. Treasurer shall seize the chambers of those who refuse to do so.

George Eales is appointed to collect the *debets* and arrears for commons before the present Steward kept the paper of commons and began to collect them. The Puisne

Butler shall deliver him a paper of the names of those from whom the arrears are due. Unless Mr. Chapman, late Chief Butler, satisfies Mr. Treasurer before Thursday night concerning 6*l.* charged by him as *debets* from divers gentlemen while he collected the paper of commons, his chamber shall be seized and padlocked.

Unless Robert Beasly, the Puisne Butler, pays the money collected by him on the roll for hearths and stoves before Monday night, his bond shall be put in suit against his surety. A copy of this order shall be given to his surety.

The order concerning commons Lent was twelvemonth is continued.

The chamber of Mr. Giles Hamley shall be sold for his great arrears.

On the petition of Thomas Jewks, butcher, for above 60*l.* due to him from the Steward for beef and mutton, the Sub-Treasurer is to view the accounts, and present the state thereof to Mr. Treasurer, who will report at the Bench table.

On the Butlers' petition, the Sub-Treasurer is to examine the accounts of money collected by the Steward to be paid to the Butlers on the buttery account and acquaint Mr. Treasurer, that they may be paid their due and the brewer what is due from them.

Mr. William King of the Utter Bar shall have till a week before the last Parliament in Michaelmas Term to procure or pay the duties owing by Mr. W. Smalwood and Z. Smarthwayte, for whom he was bound. The suits commenced against him shall be stayed meantime. The Sub-Treasurer is to give an account at that Parliament whether the duties are paid.

A gratuity of 40*s.* each is given to William Stephens and John Ball.

Adjourned till Monday after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 8 June, 1668.

Copies of the orders for Mr. Bramston to have Sir Bulstrode Whitlocke's Bench Chamber shall be left for him at the said chamber, with an intimation that possession may be speedily delivered to Mr. Bramston. Mr. Treasurer is desired to write to Sir Bulstrode to remove his books, writings, and other things, and deliver possession to Mr. Bramston at least a month before his reading, sending the letter by a special

messenger. If Sir Bulstrode does not do it in the time, Mr. Treasurer shall put Mr. Bramston in possession.

Another padlock shall be put on Mr. T. Connesby's door, and his bond put in suit.

Parliament holden 23 Oct., 1668.

Mr. Nicholas Lechmere is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Henry Peckham, knt., for next Summer. *Latin.*

A committee shall some time be appointed to confer with the Inner Temple about the encroachments and lights in the new building on the north side of the north Churchyard, that the owners of the houses may give some acknowledgment to the Societies for their lights, as Mr. Graham has done, and that the rubbish from building may be removed.

Unless Mr. T. Connesby pays his duties in a fortnight, the last order is to be put in execution.

Mr. Thursby, on payment of Mr. S. Cust's duties and the charges of suit, shall have Mr. Cust's bond given him. Mr. Cust shall not be admitted into commons without giving new security.

Unless Mr. Beare pays the fine for not reading within a fortnight, his chamber shall be sold. Mr. Treasurer is to write to him.

Mr. Bramston being admitted to his chamber, two pair of stairs and a half high, in the passage between Pumpe Court and Elme Court, with an assignment, has leave to transfer it with an assignment.

The proposals for regulating abuses at reading times and on grand days, are referred to Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Mountagu, North, Turner, Barton, Northey, Lechmere, Conyers, Collins, and Calthorpe, or any three, to report at next Parliament.

Sir William Constantine is chosen to succeed Mr. Hervey as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament in this term.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to take care that a petition is presented to the judges for settling the interest of this House in Scales Inn, and that a claim be delivered to the city for the ground belonging to Scales Inn taken away by them to make a new street.

The Steward and Butlers shall make a new paper of *debets* in place of that which the Puisne Butler has lost, and bring it to Mr. Treasurer by this day "sennett." The Under-Treasurer is required to see it done.

On the petition of Arthur Duncombe, surety for Robert Beasly, late Puisne Butler, if Mr. Duncombe shall pay to Mr. Treasurer within a fortnight 71*l.* 7*s.* received and owing by Beasly, further prosecution against Duncombe shall stay till it appears that more is owing by Beasly. The Benchers will give Duncombe leave to sue Beasly upon their bond, and will assist him. Beasly shall be discharged of his place, and removed from his chamber.

On petitions from certain tradesmen, it is ordered that unless the Butlers pay them in a fortnight, their bonds shall be put in suit. If they suffer that to be done, they shall be discharged.

The roll presented by Mr. Smith, late Steward, of the arrears of commons of Lent was twelvemonth, shall be delivered to Robert Harvey to collect. He is to tell gentlemen who refuse to pay that, unless they pay within a fortnight, their bonds shall be sued, or their chambers seized.

The fine imposed on Sir John Stowell for not reading is reduced to 10*l.* if paid in a fortnight.

The Sub-Treasurer shall examine the accounts of the Butlers and Steward, and give an account of what is owing to tradesmen to the committee for commons, who are to report this day fortnight.

Parliament holden by adjournment 6 Nov., 1668.

No close stools shall be carried through any of the courts between 7 A.M. and 8 P.M. The Porter must see this order observed.

If Mr. Duncombe's bail will give security to pay 50*l.* in Hilary Term and 50*l.* in Easter Term, Robert Beasely's bond shall be assigned over to them to take their remedy upon it.

On report of the committee for regulating commons, it is ordered that commons shall be cast up weekly, beginning on "Saturday come sennett," for the week then past. Mr. Chapman, if he humbly desires it of Mr. Treasurer, may come in again as Chief Butler on Saturday next, to keep the paper of commons as formerly. The first offer of the Steward's place shall be made to Mr. Smith, the late Steward, and if he humbly desires it of Mr. Treasurer, to enter upon it on "Saturday come sennett." The penalty of the Butlers' bonds shall be 200*l.* To-morrow at noon the Under-Treasurer shall see what beer and pots are in the cellar.

Three Masters of the Bench, the Treasurer to be one, are appointed a committee to consider of fit persons for Butlers and Washpots; how the great arrears owing by the buttery may be paid; and how to regulate commons and reform abuses in the kitchen and buttery; and to report this day week.

The proposals for regulating readings and grand days shall be read the first business at the Parliament of Attendance.

Parliament holden by adjournment 13 Nov., 1668.

As commons for the grand week this term amount to 9*s.* 2*d.* a man, the Steward shall collect that sum from all the gentlemen then in commons, and if he has received more from any one, repay the surplus. If he has received less, he shall collect the remainder. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

The Masters of the Bench shall every Saturday at dinner, as long as the Bench continue in commons, assign one of themselves and one of the Utter Bar to be surveyors of the kitchen and buttery, and auditors to cast up and sign commons for the week following. When the Bench are out of commons, the Bar mess shall every Saturday appoint one of the Utter Bar and one under the Bar to the same duty. This order is to be fixed on the screen. The Chief Butler and other Butlers shall constantly attend at the Bench table and Bar mess at the time of these appointments.

Mr. Smith's entering on the Steward's place shall be respited till this day week. The committee for commons is desired to report again this day week.

Mr. W. Lane's part of a chamber in Middle Temple Lane, near the Gate, long seized for more arrears than it is worth, shall be sold. As Mr. Treasurer reports that it is of no use by itself, it shall be consolidated with the other part held by Mr. R. Waite, who shall be admitted thereto as a sole chamber, paying a fine.

Parliament holden by adjournment 20 Nov., 1668.

Mr. Treasurer, Sir William Constantine, Mr. Northey, Mr. Bramston, and Mr. Conyers, or any three, are appointed a committee to regulate abuses in the kitchen, buttery, and cellar; to consider how the arrears owing by the buttery shall be paid; how to prevent future abuses; to require the brewer to take back all but twelve hogsheads of beer lately

brought in contrary to order; and to make report at next Parliament.

Upon the suit of Maurice Eady, Steward, to continue for one week and no longer, Mr. Smith shall enter upon the place of Steward on Saturday week. Mr. Chapman, the Chief Butler, shall collect the rolls of commons for this week and last week.

A Meeting of the Masters of the Bench in the Parliament Chamber 5 Nov., 1668.

Messrs. Francis Barrell, James Smith, William Paulett, and Elias Ashmole of the Bar mess are fined 10*s.* each, for rising from the Bar table and going out of the Hall before the Masters of the Bench rose. Mr. John Hanham is fined 10*s.* for coming into the Hall last night to supper in a white hat, "being an indecent habitt" and contrary to orders. The Under-Treasurer is required to demand the said fines, and to account for them to the Masters of the Bench to-morrow at dinner.

Parliament holden by adjournment 13 Nov., 1668.

The preceding order is confirmed. The Sub-Treasurer is required once more to demand the fines, and to account for them this day week.

Parliament holden by adjournment 20 Nov., 1668.

Unless Mr. Barrell and the others fined on Nov. 5 pay their fines before Monday night next, they shall be put out of commons and yet be cast into commons until they pay. The Sub-Treasurer is to give them notice of this order to-morrow.

Parliament holden 27 Nov., 1668.

If Mr. Connesby pays all the money owing by him to the House in a fortnight, the former order shall be suspended, but if not, it shall be put in execution. If on seizure of his chamber, he breaks the padlock again, he shall be expelled.

Mr. Treasurer, Mr. Mountagu, Sir William Constantine, Messrs. Turnor, Barton, and Conyers are desired to attend at the hearing of the case concerning Scales Inn on Tuesday, and to do what they can that the old rent of 40*l.* a year may be

continued. Messrs. Sturges, Bowes, and Jenour shall be counsel for the House.

Messrs. Mountagu, North, Proctor, Turnor, Barton, Mundy, and Northey, or any three, are appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

The order made at last Parliament about encroachments in the north Churchyard is continued. Their Masterships must be reminded of it next term, that conference may be had with the Inner Temple.

Mr. Balthazar Beare's chamber shall be sold, as his fine of 30*l.* is not paid.

Further consideration for compounding for vacations and assignments is referred to next Parliament.

The fines of Messrs. Francis Barrell, James Smith, William Paulett, and Elias Ashmole are remitted at the request of Mr. Mountagu, the Queen's Attorney; and likewise Mr. John Hanham's fine at the request of Sir William Constantine.

Commons shall break up on Saturday before St. Thomas' day, and begin again Saturday after Twelfth day.

The proposal by Mr. Treasurer of Thomas Silvester as Puisne Butler is put off till Wednesday night.

No gentleman shall appear in the Hall during the time of reading or on grand days without his gown at dinner time, nor bring in any person not a member to dine in the Hall, on pain of 5*l.*

No person not a member of the Society shall dine in the Hall in reading times nor on grand days except at the Reader's or Bench table, except servants of noblemen or judges or other great persons dining at those tables.

The claim of the "bayly of the mootes" and the mootesmen to have a dish of meat from the Reader for every exercise which they perform in reading times, is an innovation. No gentlemen, mootesmen or others, shall take any dish of meat either out of the kitchen or going up to or coming down from the Reader's table, on pain of 5*l.*, and if he be a mootesman, of not having his exercise recorded.

No laundress nor such like persons shall be suffered in reading times or on grand days to come within the Hall door at dinner time, on peril of expulsion to the Porter who suffers them.

The Readers on reading days shall have no second course,

nor banquet on the grand day, nor give exceedings of meat or wine at any suppers during reading time, on pain of having the reading disallowed.

The Reader is recommended to take care that no person not invited or admitted by him comes into the Hall during dinner in reading times. These orders shall be set on the screen in the grand week of next term.

Parliament holden by adjournment 2 Dec., 1668.

Their Masterships agree to the proposals of the committee for remedying abuses in the kitchen, cellar, and buttery, and refer it back to them to establish officers and put the said proposals in execution.

Thomas Silvester shall have the place of Puisne Butler instead of Robert Beasely.

The petition of Webb, the Cook, is referred to Mr. Treasurer to examine the accounts between him and the Steward, and also about the 9*l.* alleged to be for firing in the last reading; and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Chapman, Chief Butler, shall continue to collect the money due for commons this next vacation, and it shall be paid as Mr. Treasurer shall appoint.

The brewer shall be paid 40*l.* within a week.

William Stephens shall have 40*s.* given to him.

Parliament holden 29 Jan., 1668.

The account of Mr. Hervey, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

The brewer is to be paid 40*l.* Mr. Treasurer is desired to examine his accounts, and report at next Parliament.

On Mr. Thomas Connesby's petition, the duties on his chamber are reduced from 15*l.* 9*s.* to 10*l.* if paid before next Parliament, otherwise his chamber shall be sold.

The 20*l.* bequeathed by Edward Eltonhead, esq., deceased, shall be disposed of according to his last will.

Mr. Henry Higdon and Mr. Berkinhead Collins are expelled for misdemeanours. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

A former order about encroachments and lights in the north Churchyard shall be sent up to the Bench table at dinner time.

The brewer must carry away the fifteen hogsheads of beer

this week, and bring in his beer in barrels, and while it is working. The stillings to be turned or made even. The beer to be laid in order and so spent. The barrels to be marked with chalk, according to the number and the times they come in. Broken and corrupted beer to be returned to the brewer and discounted to the House, as formerly to the Butler. The brewer to bring in beer one week, and take away the empty barrels the next week, and to see that a month's provision of beer is always in the cellar. The Cook to buy the meat, and no more to be charged than what is really spent. The Steward to take account every meal of what is spent either in the kitchen, buttery, or cellar, and to see that no more is put in charge than what is really spent; that what is left, is laid up in the "bings," larders, etc., and the broken bread given to the poor. The Steward to collect the money for commons, and to have a salary for his pains, and the officers to be at his command. The Head Butler to keep the paper of the gentlemen in commons, and to serve the Hall with cheese in term time. The Second Butler to wait on the Bench. The Third Butler to serve as usual. The Steward's man to be the Fourth Butler. The Porter to attend from the blowing of the horn to the shutting up of the cellar doors, and to suffer no loose persons to be at the screen or in the cellars or buttery.

Mr. Smith shall be paid 11*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* for apparells Lent was twelvemonth, to be paid by him to the brewer.

The petition of George Eales, Second Butler, shall be examined at the Bench table, and reported at next Parliament.

Mr. Eady, the late Steward, shall give Mr. Treasurer a roll of the names of those in arrear for commons, and their Masterships will assist him in getting the money.

On the petition of John Griffith, brazier, for 16*l.* owed to him for candlesticks ever since Christmas before last; it is ordered that the brass sconces and the three stocks of candlesticks be sold, the brazier paid, and the remainder distributed at the prisons in and about London.

Parliament holden 5 Feb., 1668.

Mr. Nicolas Lechmere, chosen Reader for next Lent, is confirmed. Messrs. Northey and Bramston are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Sir Henry Peckham, Messrs. T. Conyers, W. Booth, R. Wallop. *Latin.*

Stewards:—Messrs. T. Hall, J. Nutley, J. Freake, S. Fleetwood. *Latin.*

Mr. Lechmere shall be paid the 50*l.* deposited by him, and have the same privileges as former Readers.

Messrs. Proctor, Hervey, Mundy, or any two, are appointed a committee to consider with the Inner Temple the encroachments in the new building on the north side of the north Churchyard.

The brewer shall take back so much of the beer laid in in hogsheads as Mr. Treasurer shall think fit. On his obeying, he shall be paid the 40*l.* formerly ordered to be paid him.

The order for the sale of Mr. Connesby's chamber is confirmed. After payment of what he owes, the remainder shall be given to him.

Mr. Richard Ryves is fined 5*l.* for making a window out of his chamber into the Bench Garden without leave of the Benchers. He shall stop up the window and make the wall good in a fortnight, on pain of 5*l.* more. If he neglects to do it, Mr. Treasurer shall have it done.

George Eales, for divers miscarriages, shall be removed from the place of Butler. Mr. Treasurer may put in Mr. Smith's man if he sees cause. Mr. Smith must give a bond of 500*l.*, with two sureties.

William Millicheape shall have 40*s.* for having done a Butler's service in Michaelmas Term last.

The petition of Mr. Eady, late Steward, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Hervey, Turnor, Northey, and Conyers, or any three, to examine his accounts; and to report at next Parliament.

The order for selling the brass sconces and candlesticks is discharged.

Mr. G. Britton shall be repaid the 50*l.* deposited by him on his call to the Bar, having procured himself to be admitted into a chamber.

The chambers of Mr. Henry Barker, an associate to the Bench, and his son, up one pair of stairs in Essex Court, shall be consolidated for the father's life, paying double duties and a moderate fine.

The Chief Butler at the beginning of every term must give account to the Masters of the Bench at the Bench table of what exercises have been done in the vacation.

The exercises to be performed in the Hall in reading times shall be "sate upon" by the Masters of the Bar then in commons.

Parliament holden 30 April, 1669.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Hervey, Turnor, and Barton, or any two, are appointed a committee to consider the petition of divers gentlemen of New Inn that the five or six tenements already built on land belonging to the said House and leased by the ancients for forty years may be converted into chambers for the House, and that no more may be built; that the annoyance caused by a cooper and a carpenter to whom ground has been let, may be removed; and that the Treasurers may be compelled to give an account of their receipts. The committee is to send for the carpenter and cooper, to know under what title they build and order them to cease; and also for the Treasurer and ancients as soon as they come to town; and meanwhile to inform themselves of this Society's title to New Inn, and to report at next Parliament.

The committee to consider with the Inner Temple of the encroachments in the north Churchyard is continued, and is to report at next Parliament.

If Mr. Richard Ryves takes out the frame of his window and makes good the wall with brick before next Parliament, their Masterships will further consider his fine.

Mr. Smith shall give his own bond in 500*l.*, with two sureties of 200*l.* each.

The committee to consider Mr. Eady's petition is continued, and desired to give an account at next Parliament.

Their Masterships having taken an account from the Chief Butler of what exercises were done last vacation, conceive that the fewness of them was occasioned by the breaking up of commons in vacation long before the usual time required for the continuance of them by ancient orders and usage. It is ordered that vacation commons shall be kept according to the ancient orders, and shall not be dispensed with nor abridged by any Reader or other.

On the petition of Arthur Duncombe, surety for Robert Beasly, late Butler, Mr. Treasurer is desired to give him his bond if he finds that no more than 70*l.* is owing to the Society by Beasly, on Duncombe giving a release of errors and of his suit in Chancery, and paying the Society's costs of both suits.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to reprove John Young for his misdemeanour towards Mr. Smith.

The petitions of Messrs. Henry Higdon and Berkinhead Collins shall be considered at next Parliament.

At a Meeting of the Masters of the Bench in the Parliament Chamber 18 May, 1669.

On hearing the Treasurer, ancients, and gentlemen of New Inn, it is ordered that the committee appointed by the last Parliament shall view the buildings complained of, and report at next Parliament. The buildings shall not be proceeded with meanwhile.

Parliament holden 21 May, 1669.

No gentleman shall be called to the degree of the Utter Bar, unless he has performed the exercises of public moots in the House and abroad at the Inns of Chancery according to ancient custom. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

If any gentleman shall go out of commons before he has fully satisfied the Steward for his commons, he shall be continued in commons until he has a discharge from the Steward. The Steward shall duly call upon the gentlemen for the money for their commons, and on the first Monday in every term present to the Masters of the Bench at the Bench table the names of those above three weeks in arrears.

On report of the committee about New Inn, it is ordered that the carpenter and cooper or their agents shall have warning to cease building. A copy of this order shall be left with the Treasurer of New Inn. Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Mundy, Bramston, Conyers, Collins, and Calthorpe are added to the committee. They are desired to digest the report of the grievances at New Inn into heads, and to consider rules for remedy thereof by next Parliament; to consider how the Treasurer's accounts shall be made; to inquire who was surviving trustee, and to procure a conveyance from his heir, that an entry may be made or declarations in ejectment delivered to the occupiers of the new building at New Inn.

The committee to join the Inner Temple concerning the encroachments in the north Churchyard is continued.

Mr. Richard Ryves having done what was required, is discharged of his fine.

Mr. Smith's petition is to be further considered at next Parliament.

Mr. Henry Higdon and Mr. Berkined Collins, expelled by the Parliament of 29 Jan., 1668, having presented a petition and begged pardon, are restored, first paying all duties owing to the Steward or House. Mr. Higdon shall be readmitted to his chamber, paying 20*s.* fine.

A copy of the order concerning Arthur Duncombe shall be given him. Unless he conforms thereto before next Parliament, execution shall be taken out against him.

Mr. Richard Hall shall procure himself to be admitted into the chamber allotted to him in the new buildings in the Churchyard, which he ought to have done long since.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to inquire what chambers are let out to strangers, and who hold chambers and never come into commons, and to present their names at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 11 June, 1669.

No coals, boards, timber, or other merchandise shall be landed at Temple Bridge without special leave of the Masters of the Bench in Parliament. The Porter must take care that this order is observed.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to have the bridge repaired, and to require the Cook, the lighterman, and the mason to bear a reasonable portion of the charge.

On Mr. Charles Heydon's petition, both parts of his chamber may be consolidated, paying double duties and a fine on admittance; as, having but one chimney, it is almost useless for two, and he offers to repair the walls and roof. This must be done before Michaelmas Term.

The committee for New Inn is continued till next Parliament.

Unless Mr. Berkinhead Collins and Henry Higdon pay the duties owing by them within a week, the last order shall be discharged.

Unless Arthur Duncombe pays the costs of both suits in a week, the Court of Chancery shall be moved to dissolve the injunction, and execution shall be taken out against him.

Unless Mr. Richard Hall pays his duties and is admitted into the chamber allotted to him in the new buildings in the Churchyard in a week, Mr. Treasurer shall seize and dispose of his chamber.

The Porter shall set down in writing what chambers are let to strangers or have families kept in them, and who hold chambers and never come into commons. The Under-Treasurer shall examine the paper and present it at the Bench table this day week.

Mr. Thomas Goodere's chamber and his chamber-fellow's part may be consolidated on his paying double duties and a fine on admittance.

On report of the committee to whom Mr. Eady's petition was referred, 10*l.* shall be allowed him in lieu of apparells for Michaelmas Term last, 4*l.* for what Robert Beasly collected of the Steward's money, 2*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* for minor repasts, 19*l.* 10*s.* for fire in the Hall, Parliament Chamber, and at the readings of Mr. Barton and Mr. Northey; in all 35*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* He must give a discharge in full of all demands.

John Blundell shall have the place of Puisne Butler, now void, and James Barrett that of under washpot, instead of John Young.

Parliament holden 25 June, 1669.

Sir Henry Peckham, knt., chosen Reader for next Summer, is confirmed. Messrs. Bramston and Lechmere are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. T. Conyers, W. Booth, R. Wallop, T. Rawlins. *Latin.*

Stewards:—Messrs. E. Byrch, N. Rainton, C. Fitz-Williams, G. Throckmorton. *Latin.*

The committee for New Inn is continued. Their Masterships will meet to-morrow after supper, and notice is to be given to the Treasurer, ancients, and gentlemen of New Inn to attend their Masterships in the Bench garden.

Unless Arthur Duncombe pays the costs of suit before Tuesday next, the order of last Parliament shall be put in execution.

Unless Mr. English and Mr. Edes, not being members of the Society, leave their chambers in a fortnight, the chambers will be seized and padlocked.

The Bench Chamber now in possession of Mr. George is declared void, and assigned to Sir Henry Peckham, chosen Reader for this Summer. Mr. Treasurer is desired to write to Mr. George to remove his books and goods.

A gratuity of 10*l.* each is given to George Eales and John Young on their dismissal.

Messrs. G. Cozens, A. Yardley, T. Goodere, R. Pyne, and E. Ceeley are called to the degree of the Utter Bar; and Mr. R. Ryves and W. Worth are called of grace.

Mr. Treasurer is to compound with Mr. L. Swanton for his vacations and assignments.

Adjourned till Wednesday after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 30 June, 1669.

All the Masters of the Bench in commons or in town are added to the committee for New Inn. The proposals made to-day by Mr. John Stone of New Inn to raise several brick buildings on two parcels of ground at New Inn for chambers for students and fellows of that House and subject to the orders and government of this House, are referred to the committee. They are desired to reduce any agreement they may make with him into articles, and to perfect their former proceedings for the regulation and settlement of New Inn.

The petition of Mr. King of the Utter Bar is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to moderate other duties as he sees cause, Mr. King paying the commons due to the Steward and the costs of suit.

William Stephens shall be given 40*s.*

Parliament holden 29 Oct., 1669.

Mr. Tristram Conyers is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. William Booth for next Summer. *Latin.*

Mr. George is to leave his Bench Chamber in a fortnight. Notice shall be given to the persons who use the chamber to depart.

Unless Mr. L. Swanton compounds with Mr. Treasurer for his vacations and assignments, and pays before next Parliament, the order concerning him shall be discharged.

Unless Mr. E. Byrch pays within a week after notice 11*l.* to the Steward for money laid out for him when steward to Sir Henry Peckham at his reading, his chamber shall be seized and padlocked.

Sir William Drake shall have an assignment in the chamber in Middle Temple Lane for which he has contracted with Mr. James Perrott, who was admitted with an assignment, on paying 5*l.* for admission into the House, and 10*l.* fine for the

assignment, and a fine for admission into the chamber to be fixed by Mr. Treasurer.

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. North, Northey, Lechmere, and Conyers, or any three, are appointed a committee to consider Colonel Hervey Bagott's petition; and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Mundy is chosen to succeed Sir William Constantine as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Mr. Thomas Lecke and Mr. Francis Barrell are called to the Bench in order to their reading.

On the petition of Joanna, relict of Richard Cutts, late of the Utter Bar, the 5*l.* deposited by him in lieu of his second assignment shall be paid to her.

Sir Henry Peckham, who read last August, has leave to transfer to his son, with an assignment without fine, his chamber in Bricke Court, whereof he was a builder, which would be forfeited by his taking the degree of Serjeant.

The order of the committee about New Inn is confirmed, viz. that the carpenter and cooper should remove by Michaelmas last past; that no more sheds or tenements should be built in the carpenter's yard, and the brick building then raising should not be proceeded with; that the ground on the east side of the gate, now the carpenter's yard, and another piece on the west side of the gate, both fronting the street, are fit for building chambers, to be let only to members of New Inn, subject to the orders and government of this House; but to encourage those who undertake to build, that the low rooms of those buildings towards the street, and the cellars under them, be converted into shops; but that these buildings must not stop up the lights of the chambers on either side. The committee referred it to the ancients of New Inn to treat with Mr. Stone, who made the first proposal to build, or to any other person for building; and to propose to the committee for how many years and at what rent it will be fit to grant the land. If the said ancients do not propose any one who will build before next Parliament, Mr. Treasurer and the Under-Treasurer of this House shall have power to treat with any one for the purpose. Notice of this order is to be given to the ancients of New Inn.

On Mr. Treasurer's report that he had sent notes of duties to Messrs. M. Drew, G. Mountagu, F. Buller, W. Alport, and F. Phillips, and in Easter and Trinity Terms had sent particular

summons to them, but they have not yet paid; it is ordered that the chambers of all those who have been lately summoned and have not paid their duties, shall be seized, and if they have no chambers their bonds put in suit, if these arrears are not paid within a week of notice of this order being given to them.

Parliament holden 26 Nov., 1669.

No grand Christmas shall be kept, nor gaming suffered in the Hall. For the encouragement of those who continue commons, the former allowance for the twelve days is increased to 24*l.* This order shall be fixed on the screen to-morrow.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to write again to Mr. Booth for a positive answer whether he will read next Summer.

A roll of collection shall be made for the four Serjeants last called, viz. Serjeants Turnor, Barton, Bramston, and Peckham. Every member is to be taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.*, according to ancient custom.

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. North, Proctor, Northey, Conyers, and Calthorpe, or any three, are appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

The Sub-Treasurer, soon after the end of the term, must attend Mr. George to receive the keys of his Bench Chamber.

Mr. L. Swanton and Mr. T. Goodere, who were called to the degree of the Utter Bar in Trinity Term last, and are not yet published, shall keep vacations and perform their assignments in their course from the time of their call.

On report of the committee, their Masterships see no cause to grant Colonel Bagott's petition, but to testify their respect for him, Lambert Bagott, his nephew, shall be admitted into the Society without fine.

Mr. Maurice Kellett's petition is referred to the ancients of New Inn.

The committee for New Inn is continued. Mr. Keck and Mr. Barrell are added to it.

Mr. Michael Drew's chamber shall be sold for his discontinuance and great arrears. These being paid, the overplus shall be delivered to him.

In pursuance of a former order, when any chamber falls to the disposition of the House, Mr. Treasurer shall gratify Sir Bulstrode Whitlock by admitting his son at a moderate fine.

Mr. W. Carr is called to the degree of the Utter Bar of grace,

but not to be published until he has paid his duties and been admitted into a chamber, or deposited 50*l.* in lieu thereof.

The chamber of Mr. John Verney of the Utter Bar and the part of his chamber-fellow may be consolidated, on his paying double duties and a fine on admittance.

Mr. Barwell's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer. If he finds the complaint true, he shall impose a fine of 40*s.* on the chamber out of which such nastiness and filthy water was thrown. The servant or laundress who offended shall be turned out of the House.

On the petition of William Chapman, Chief Butler, 40*s.* shall be allowed him in lieu of his broken beer for the year past, and 40*s.* yearly increase of wages.

A charitable gift of 40*s.* shall be given to William Stephens.

Parliament holden 28 Jan., 1669.

The account of Sir William Constantine, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

Mr. Lambert Bagott shall be repaid the 4*l.* paid for a fine on his former admittance.

Mr. Smith, the Steward, shall make a list of the names of those in commons last Christmas, and those who were officers in the Christmas, distinguishing who were in commons before Christmas began and who came in then; and shall present it to Mr. Treasurer to be communicated to the Bench table.

The orders concerning Mr. Booth are respited till the first Parliament of next term.

The ancients of New Inn shall have notice given them to attend the committee on this day week at 6 P.M. in the Parliament Chamber with their proposals for building. If they neglect to propose any one who will undertake to build, the committee shall treat with any one of that House or any other person for the building. A copy of this order shall be left with the Treasurer of New Inn.

The order on Mr. Barrell's petition is continued.

Mr. Smith shall account to Mr. Treasurer for what money he has received for broken beer in the cellar; and so from time to time.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to confer with Sir William Constantine on the brewer's petition, and to report at next Parliament.

On Robert Thomas' petition concerning his sickness, lameness, and poverty, 50*s.* shall be given him now and 50*s.* after the reading.

The carpenter's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 11 Feb., 1669.

Mr. Tristram Conyers, chosen Reader for next Lent, is confirmed. Messrs. Northey and Lechmere are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. W. Booth, R. Wallop, T. Rawlins, A. Collins. *Latin.*

Stewards:—Messrs. J. Parsons, R. Bertie, J. Browne, R. Merrett. *Latin.*

Mr. Conyers is to have Mr. Whitmore's Bench Chamber.

If the stewards appointed for the Reader do not serve in person, they shall not substitute others in their room, but the Reader shall nominate what gentleman of the House he pleases to be "inviteor" in place of the defaulting steward. No one shall be invited by them but those in a list given them by the Reader.

The ancients of New Inn shall attend the committee on Tuesday night next with their proposals for building. Meantime the Benchers will consider the proposals already presented. Notice shall also be given to Mr. Stone that he or any other gentleman of New Inn may attend with proposals for undertaking the building.

The brewer's petition is referred to Messrs. Proctor and Hervey, to report at next Parliament.

Mr. John Harewell's fines are remitted, but his exercise disallowed. He and Mr. J. Scambler shall be put upon the next assignments.

Mr. Charles Bertie may have an assignment in his chamber in Pumpe Court, having spent near its true value in alterations, on paying a fine for his admittance.

On the petition of Mary Fryer, who washes the House linen, 40*s.* shall be given to her, and 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to William Malicheape for service in the Hall.

Sir Ellis Leighton is of grace called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

On surrender by John Carr of his old lease of a shop

under the Great Gate, a new lease shall be made to him for twenty-one years, if he and his son, Robert, live so long.

Adjourned to Wednesday night next.

Parliament holden 22 April, 1670.

The committee for New Inn is continued. They are desired to treat with Mr. Pinsent and the ancients of New Inn concerning building, and to report at next Parliament.

The brewer shall be paid 36*l.* on giving an acquittance for all arrears for beer delivered before Christmas 1668, when the regulation of commons began.

No Irish gentleman shall be admitted into commons till he has given a bond with two sureties, one being an Englishman. The Under-Treasurer is to give notice of this order to every succeeding Treasurer.

Parliament holden 13 May, 1670.

On the petition of Balthazar Beare, esq., that his chamber in the Churchyard might be divided into two sole chambers; on his surrender and payment of arrears, Mr. Henry Toope or any other of the House may be admitted to that part which is three pair of stairs high, on paying a fine, and Mr. Beare to the uppermost part.

On report of the committee for New Inn, the Masters of the Bench who are trustees shall make a lease to Mr. William Pinsent of a parcel of ground at New Inn for building on, in pursuance of his agreement with the ancients, for fifty-one years, at 4*l.* yearly rent, from Ladyday last; and also leases to William Mount and Henry Peirson, according to their agreements with the ancients.

On reading a paper presented by the ancients of New Inn, "alledging many thinges therein wherein they are mistaken and impertinent," and desiring a lease of their House for a long term at the old rent; the Benchers do not think fit to grant them a new lease at present, but will consider further at the next Parliament. They will make leases to those who have built or will undertake to build, the benefit thereof to come to New Inn.

Sir Edward Turnor, Solicitor-General, shall have the lodgings void by the death of Sir Jeoffery Palmer, Attorney-

General, but the ground chambers in Bricke Court, lately used with the said lodgings, shall be divided from them.

Messrs. T. Pepys, R. Belwood, D. Kerrie, J. Vigures, J. Dixon, J. Morgan 1st, E. Stephens, C. Heydon, and W. Thompson are called to the degree of the Utter Bar; and Messrs. R. Eden, D. Fox, and T. Stanley, of grace. Mr. W. Walcott is also called of grace, provided he forthwith pays his duties, and deposits 50*l.*, or procures himself to be admitted into a chamber.

Mr. Treasurer shall give Mr. Ogilby 5*l.* for his book now presented to their Masterships.

Unless Messrs. R. Waite, J. Burton, C. Deane, H. Dutton, A. Gibbons, R. Hide 2nd, E. Smith, J. Walker, W. Killingworth, H. Baker, T. Leigh, and G. Bretton, who have been summoned by the present and late Treasurers, do not pay their arrears in a week after notice of this order, their bonds shall be put in suit. Showing them a copy of this order under Mr. Treasurer's hand shall be sufficient notice.

Parliament holden 3 June, 1670.

Messrs. Pinsent, Mont, and Peirson shall have notice to attend Mr. Treasurer to take leases according to the order of last Parliament. Mr. Treasurer shall advise with the committee upon the drafts of the leases. The committee is also to prepare a lease to be made by the feoffees to the ancients of New Inn for twenty-one years.

The Steward shall give notice to gentlemen whose bonds are put in suit for commons due to him, or to their sureties, that unless the duties are paid before next Parliament, they will be proceeded against at law.

Mr. Treasurer and any three Masters of the Bench are appointed a committee to consider the nuisances of shops about the House, and of setting up a post at the Great Gate, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. North's declaration that he will read in Autumn twelvemonth is accepted.

On Mr. Read's petition alleging that Mr. Bennett, bailiff of Westminster, had slighted the favour offered him by Sir William Constantine, and refused to pay the money which he offered; the suit commenced against him for the escape of Mr. Bodkin, arrested by him, shall be proceeded with.

Parliament holden 17 June, 1670.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to consider the drafts of leases for Pynsent, Munt, and Peirson, and to advise with the committee that their leases may be sealed as soon as possible, so as not to hinder the building.

Mr. King, on paying the Steward what is due to him for the commons of Messrs. W. Smallwood and Z. Smathwaite and the costs of putting their bonds in suit, shall have the bonds delivered to him with liberty to put the same in suit, saving the Masters of the Bench harmless.

The proposals for setting up a post at the Great Gate are referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. J. Browne is fined 40*s.* for neglecting to pay his 10*l.* as steward to Mr. Conyers in his reading, though notice was given to him that his chamber was seized. His chamber shall be sold unless the 10*l.* and the fine are paid within a month.

The chambers of Messrs. Booth, Barrell, Toope, and Beare must contribute to the repair of the stack of chimneys belonging to them.

Mr. George Mountagu shall have warning to repair his chimney towards Essex Court, being very dangerous to fall upon passengers.

Mr. William Booth, chosen Reader for next Summer, is confirmed. Messrs. Lechmere and Conyers are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen :—Messrs. Wallop, Rawlins, Collins, Calthorpe. *Latin.*

On the petition of Maurice Eady, late Steward, the 35*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* ordered to be paid him shall be made up to 50*l.* on his giving a discharge of all demands.

William Stephens shall have 40*s.* given him.

The storehouse shall not be used as a workhouse, but only for house goods. The key is to be with the Under-Treasurer.

The vacation Barristers and gentlemen keeping commons in vacation shall be charged 7*s.* a week for commons unless the charge shall come under the said rate.

Parliament holden 28 Oct., 1670.

Mr. Richard Wallop is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Francis North for next Summer. *Latin.*

Mr. W. Booth is fined for not reading last Summer 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* *Latin.*

Mr. Speaker, the Queen's Attorney, and Mr. North, or any two, are desired to attend Lord Arlington about his letter to the Masters of the Bench.

Messrs. George Johnson and John Haggatt are called up to the Bench in order to their reading. Mr. Johnson must procure himself to be admitted to a chamber, or deposit 50*l.*

Mr. William Northey is nominated to succeed Mr. Mundy as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Mr. North shall have the Bench Chamber, late Sir William Constantine's, in Essex Court. A year shall be allowed him to transfer his own chamber. Mr. Northey shall have the Bench Chamber in Pumpe Court, which Mr. Speaker lately had, Mr. Proctor having declared that he will not choose it.

Mr. Read's petition to be paid his charges in the suits against Bodkin, Bennett, and others, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

On the petition of Richard Antrobus, stationer, Mr. Treasurer shall give him a new lease for twenty-one years at the same rent, and a fine, when Thomas Twiford surrenders his lease of the shop at the Great Gate.

Mr. Thomas Agar of the Utter Bar is allowed to hold, with an assignment, a chamber in Pumpe Court for which he had contracted with Mr. Neale, paying 30*l.* fine.

Mr. Collins, tenant of a shop at the Great Gate, shall have enough freestone allowed him to pave between his shop and the posts.

The bonds of Messrs. R. Bourke and J. Hanin shall be put in suit, as they are much in arrear for commons eaten in the Hall.

Parliament holden 25 Nov., 1670.

The order made at the last Parliament upon Mr. Thomas Agar's petition is discharged.

The order of 6 Feb., 1656, for wearing gowns in Church, is revived, and is to be fixed on the screen.

Mr. Mountagu, Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. North, Proctor, Lechmere, Calthorpe, and Conyers, or any three, are appointed to audit Mr. Treasurer's accounts.

No gaming Christmas shall be kept, nor gaming suffered in the Hall or Parliament Chamber. The former allowance

of 12*l.* for the twelve days is augmented to 24*l.* Any one endeavouring to set up a gaming Christmas, and persisting after Mr. Treasurer's admonition, shall be expelled, and every officer attending them shall be displaced. Mr. Treasurer and any Masters of the Bench tarrying in town are desired on any such attempt to attend the Lord Chief Justice for more effectual remedy. This order is to be fixed on the screen to-morrow and Monday.

As Mr. Proctor was admitted into his chamber in Elme Court with an assignment, which was extinguished by his selling it to Mr. W. Strangwayes for life, and as many Readers have had leave to transfer their chambers with an assignment; an assignment is granted to his son, Mr. Robert Proctor, in the ground chamber in Bricke Court to which he stands admitted.

As Mr. Mundy, now Treasurer, was the first Reader at the Restoration, and declares that he intends constantly to reside in the ground chambers in Bricke Court, the same being new built, and to which he has lately admitted Mr. W. Avery, his kinsman, for life, and asks for an assignment for Mr. Avery, it is granted.

Mr. Wallop, on depositing 50*l.* till his reading, has leave to transfer his chamber in Inner Temple Lane, with an assignment. Mr. Conyers, the last Reader, has leave to transfer his chamber in Pumpe Court to his son, with an assignment.

Mr. Johnson on procuring himself to be admitted to a chamber, shall be repaid his 50*l.*

Mr. Ettoricke's petition touching the beautifying of the Great Gate is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

On Mr. Charles Cocks' petition to have the 40*l.* a year granted by his uncle to the Benchers for the benefit of two referees, which is now settled by decree of the Judges, reconveyed to him; Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Conyers are desired to treat with him, and if he will relinquish the benefit of the decree for the reasons in his petition, to find some person who will build the ground out of which the 40*l.* a year is to issue.

Mr. North shall have the Bench Chamber in Little Court, now in possession of Mr. Serjeant Bramston. Mr. Conyers, the Bench Chamber in the passage into Bricke Court, now in possession of Mr. Serjeant Turnor. Mr. Wallop, the Bench Chamber, late Mr. Northey's, in Little Court. Mr. Rawlins, the

Bench Chamber in Garden Buildings, in possession of Mr. Serjeant Barton. Mr. Collins, the Bench Chamber by the Hall, late Mr. Conyers'. Mr. Calthorpe, the Bench Chamber in Essex Court, late Mr. North's. Mr. Staples, the Bench Chamber under the Hall, late Mr. Serjeant Peckham's.

Mr. Ogilby shall be given 3*l.* for his book presented to their Masterships.

A charitable gift of 40*s.* shall be given to William Stephens.

Parliament holden 27 Jan., 1670.

Messrs. Dennis Cooke, Peirce Freake, Nehemiah Donelan, Richard Hide, James Hanin, Arthur Devoreux, John Radford, Edmund Turnor, Bartholomew Beale, John Hervey, William Ettricke, and Robert Hunt are fined 20*l.* each for breaking open the doors of the Hall, Parliament Chamber, and kitchen at Christmas, and setting up a gaming Christmas, persisting after Mr. Treasurer's admonition, and continuing the disorders until a week after Twelfth day. Those who do not pay the fine before 6 Feb. shall be expelled. They are also put out of commons, but shall be cast into commons till further order. This order is to be fixed on the screen to-morrow.

John Ball is dismissed for misdemeanour at Christmas. William Mellicheape shall have the keeping of the engine, with the same salary as John Ball.

Doors shall be made to the screen in the Hall as Mr. Treasurer thinks fit, and the passage by the screen shall be kept open both in vacation and term times for accommodation of those gentlemen whose chambers adjoin the Hall or are in the garden.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to ask Mr. Bayles by what right he holds the chamber up the Hall back stairs; and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Waller's petition for an assignment is deferred till he is admitted into his chamber.

Mr. Thomas Agar shall have an assignment in his chamber in Pumpe Court, paying a fine of 30*l.*

Thomas Blundell shall be put into possession of the chamber belonging to him as Puisne Butler.

Of the fines on gentlemen for keeping a gaming Christmas, 30*l.* shall be given to the Butlers and officers who obeyed orders and did not attend on them.

Unless gentlemen indebted for commons pay within four days after notice, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit.

Parliament holden 10 Feb., 1670.

Mr. Richard Wallop, chosen Reader for next Lent, is confirmed. Messrs. Lechmere and Conyers are appointed his Assistants *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs T. Rawlins, A. Collins, L. Calthorpe, A. Staples. *Latin.*

Stewards:—Messrs. J. Ward, L. Swanton, T. Owen, W. Strangways. *Latin.*

Mr. Edmond Waller having procured himself to be admitted into a chamber in Essex Court and paid 10*l.* fine, is granted an assignment on paying 10*l.* more.

The chamber of Messrs. Henry Collins and Daniell Earle, jun., in Vine Court, being an uppermost chamber and having but one chimney, is consolidated. Mr. Earle shall hold it on Mr. Collins' surrender, paying single duties.

On report of the committee, their Masterships see no cause to reconvey to Mr. John Cocks the inheritance of Scales Inn; but have appointed Mr. Treasurer and any two Masters of the Bench tarrying in town this vacation to grant him a lease in pursuance of the Judges' decree, and to treat about the arrears of rent already incurred.

The account of Mr. Mundy, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

The assignment granted to Mr. Avery shall be made use of only to preserve the chambers to Mr. Mundy's use in case he survives Mr. Avery. The chambers shall return to the disposal of the House after the death of Mr. Mundy and Mr. Avery, or such one other person to whom Mr. Avery or Mr. Mundy shall surrender them.

The petition of James Barrett, under washpot, is referred to Mr. Treasurer; and 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* shall be given to William Mellicheape for his service in the Hall last year.

Mr. Treasurer having presented a list of names of gentlemen who many years since came into commons without having given bonds; it is ordered that notice shall be given to those who have no chambers to give bonds before they come again into commons; and those who have chambers shall not surrender them until they have given bonds.

The fines of 20*l.* each paid by Messrs. W. Ettricke, R. Hunt, B. Beale, and J. Hervey, shall be reduced to 5*l.* each.

Messrs. J. Radford, R. Hide, and A. Devoreux shall have till the first day of next term to pay their fines, as they allege their earnest desire to have obeyed the order, but could not pay in the time fixed because their friends live far from London.

The order is confirmed in the case of all the others therein named. Their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit.

Parliament holden 12 May, 1671.

The committee having treated without effect with Mr. John Cocks for making him a lease of Scales Inn, they are desired to exhibit a petition to the Judges to enforce Mr. Cocks to perform the decree or relinquish the benefit thereof; and then to inquire out another builder.

The fines of 20*l.* each paid by Messrs. E. Turnor, N. Donelan, and J. Radford, shall be reduced to twenty nobles each.

Mr. R. Hide shall have till next Parliament for the payment of his fine.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to consider the orders made for disposing of Mr. George's Bench Chamber, and to answer his letter now read.

Mr. King's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer. If no notice was given him of the suit therein mentioned, the costs may be remitted.

Unless gentlemen who have been called upon by the Steward for payment of commons, pay within four days after notice of this order, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit.

Thomas Ford is confirmed Porter in place of Henry Freeman, deceased.

Parliament holden 2 June, 1671.

The fines of 20*l.* of Messrs. R. Hide and J. Radford are reduced to 5*l.* each.

The petition of Francis Barham against one Wetton for sheltering himself against his creditors in a chamber in Essex Court belonging to Mr. Fox, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, that Wetton may be removed within a week.

Mr. William King having satisfied the Steward, shall be remitted the costs of suit for Smallwood and Smarthwaite.

The offer of Mr. P. Martine, security for Mr. J. Hanyn, who is in debt to the Steward and cannot be met with to be arrested, to pay 5*l.* towards the debt that he may be discharged thereof, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. N. Allen's bond shall be put in suit unless he pays his arrears for commons before next Parliament.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to make a reasonable composition with Mr. Arthur Turnor for his vacations and assignments.

No surrender shall be taken from Mr. Michael Beaver of a chamber in Vine Court, to which Mr. Chapman, Chief Butler (on his surrender of another chamber which he had as Chief Butler), was first admitted, because Mr. Beaver's admission appears to be after Mr. Chapman's, and therefore irregular and void.

The chamber of Mr. E. Coulding shall be seized and sold unless his arrears are paid within a week after the first day of next term. Any overplus shall be returned to him. He owes above 50*l.* for duties to the House, commons to the Steward, and for the forfeitures of six vacations and both his assignments, for which he has been summoned by divers Treasurers in the last three years.

Elizabeth, relict of Henry Freeman, late Porter, shall have 5*l.*, to be disposed for the benefit of his child.

Mr. Ogilby shall have 3*l.* given him for his book of China presented to their Masterships.

In pursuance of ancient practice, no moot performed by any gentleman under the Bar shall be recorded in the moot book or accounted as an exercise, unless done on the usual nights for moots, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Messrs. G. Treby, M. Rider, P. Ventroys, W. Brabant, J. Lane, R. Torkington, H. Perrott, and W. Putt are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Messrs. R. Lloyd, A. Turnor, E. Lechmere, M. Johnson, H. Peckham, and R. Proctor are called of grace.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to consider the orders that Barristers should continue probationers and not be published till their assignments are performed; and to report at next Parliament.

On the petition of Mr. George Bradbury of the Utter Bar,

his fine for failing in an assignment is respited till the end of next term, as he had performed an assignment for Mr. T. Harris, who was ready to have performed one for him this term, but the Benchers disallowed such change of turns as contrary to orders.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to examine what disorders were committed in the last reading and by whom, and to propound a remedy to prevent them.

Parliament holden 23 Jun., 1671.

Mr. Fox is fined 5*l.* for continuing to suffer one Wetton, a stranger, to lodge in his chamber, and 5*l.* more unless he be removed within a week after notice of this order.

Notice must be left at Mr. R. Bourne's chamber to remove one Terry and other strangers from his chamber within a week, on pain of 5*l.* Mr. Bourne and Mr. J. Angier are fined 40*s.* each for suffering water and other filth to be thrown out of their windows.

The order of 26 June, 1612, forbidding gentlemen to lodge strangers in their chambers on pain of 5*l.* for the first offence and losing the chamber for the second, is revived, and is to be fixed on the screen.

No person shall be called to the degree of the Utter Bar without having performed fifteen exercises in the House and at the Inns of Chancery, and being of full time. Every person to be called shall in his course perform his first assignment before being admitted to be sworn or published for completing his degree. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

No dish of meat shall be sent from Mr. Reader's table without his direction. No officer of the House shall carry any dish of meat from Mr. Reader's table without his direction, on pain of 40*s.* The Chief Butler shall observe what waiters attend at the Reader's table, and remove all persons not servants of Mr. Reader or of his guests.

In consequence of the outrages and tumults committed for several nights past upon the watch at Temple Bar, an order made 25 Nov., 1614, forbidding the Porter to let any one in or out of the Temple Gate after 11 P.M. on pain of dismissal, is revived.

On application made by the farmers of the revenue of hearths and stoves for payment from Michaelmas, 1665, to

Lady Day, 1669, being three and a half years, it appears that Sir William Constantine when Treasurer paid them 40*l.* out of the 70*l.* recovered on Beasly's bond, who collected the said roll for five half years and received thereon 65*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*; it is therefore ordered that 25*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, the residue, shall be paid to them, and the Butler who collects the duty is desired to use diligence.

The order of 26 June, 1590, that every Utter Barrister shall pay 18*d.* yearly to the Butlers, and every other gentlemen 12*d.*, on pain of putting out of commons, is revived, and is to be fixed on the screen.*

Mr. Treasurer is desired to inquire whether any gentlemen of this Society were engaged in the late tumults at Temple Bar, to get what information he can from the lord mayor, and to report on Monday night after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 26 June, 1671.

The committee appointed to confer with the Inner Temple about Smith's encroachment on Dr. Ball's building is continued, and is desired to declare their Masterships' readiness to concur with the other House in remedying the above-mentioned outrages and tumults.

Parliament holden 7 July, 1671.

Francis North, knt., Solicitor-General, chosen Reader for next Summer, is confirmed. Messrs. Conyers and Wallop are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen :—Messrs. T. Rawlins, A. Collins, L. Calthorpe, A. Staples. *Latin.*

Stewards :—Messrs. F. Withins, R. Gillingham, J. Maynard, H. Lynch, bart. *Latin.*

Sir Francis North has power to transfer his chamber in Elme Court with an assignment.

An order of 5 June, 1668, for repairing the west side of the building in Vine Court over the Cloisters, is revived. The work shall be done next vacation, and notice must be given to gentlemen interested to clear their chambers before 16 Aug. Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Attorney Mountagu shall settle the proportions of the cost, and propose it at next Parliament.

* The marginal note is, "Butlers Easter booke to bee paid."

Mr. John Verney of the Utter Bar is granted an assignment in his chamber in Bricke Court, paying 5*l.* fine.

Mr. John Cocks' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer and any two Masters in town.

Mr. Treasurer may compound with Mr. William Barrett of the Utter Bar for his commons at some moderate rate, as his absence was occasioned by long sickness.

The fine imposed on Mr. D. Fox of the Utter Bar for suffering strangers to lodge in his chamber, is suspended till the first Parliament of next term.

The petition of Mr. R. Bourne, stating that the water was not thrown from his chamber but from a cockloft of Mr. Archbold's, is referred to Mr. Treasurer. If true, the fine shall be respited till next Parliament, otherwise to be levied upon his chamber. Unless Mr. Bourne removes Terry and other strangers before the last day of this term, the order for a fine of 5*l.* shall stand.

On complaint that one Cole, dwelling in Falcon Court in Fleet Street, and others whose houses adjoin the north Churchyard, come out of their lower windows into the Churchyard to dry clothes; the committee formerly appointed are desired to confer with the Inner Temple about making an enclosure against the houses or some other way to remedy the nuisance.

Mr. Angier's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer. If true, his fine shall be respited.

If Mr. W. Wagstaffe of the Utter Bar procures Mr. R. Pyne to perform an assignment for him in the reading, Mr. Wagstaffe shall be assigned for the first assignment in next term.

Messrs. W. Northcote, R. Hide, R. Cutts, T. English, R. Jenkes, W. Clarke, J. Freake, A. Brewer, S. Hartstong, and Ratcliffe shall be fined 5*l.* each unless they remove the strangers from their chambers within a fortnight after notice.

William Stephens shall have 40*s.* given him.

Parliament holden 27 Oct., 1671.

Mr. Thomas Rawlins is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Antony Collins for next Summer. *Latin.*

Mr. Treasurer has leave to accept the surrender by Mr. Thomas Keck, a Master of the Bench, of his chamber in Vine Court, on his depositing 50*l.* in order to his reading. His nominee shall be admitted, paying a fine.

On the report of Mr. Mountagu, the Queen's Attorney, the cost of repairing the buildings in Vine Court over the Cloisters, amounting to 41*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, shall be apportioned as follows:—On the Bench Chamber in Mr. Mountagu's possession, 15*l.*; on Mr. John Tate, 10*l.*; on Mr. Henry Milborne, 5*l.*; on Mr. Thomas Ekins, 3*l.*; on Mr. Robert Torkington, 4*l.*; on Mr. William Trist, 40*s.*; on the House for Twiford's shop, 2*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* These sums are to be paid a week before the last Parliament in this term.

The order on the petition of Mr. W. Barrett is discharged.

The orders fining Messrs. R. Bourne and J. Angier are continued till next Parliament. The committee concerning the nuisance in the north Churchyard are desired to report at the last Parliament in this term.

Information must be given at the last Parliament whether strangers are lodging in the chambers of Messrs. W. Northcote, R. Hide, R. Cutts, T. English, R. Jenkes, W. Clarke, J. Freake, A. Brewer, S. Hartstong, and Mr. Ratcliffe.

Mr. Arthur Devereux is restored to the Society, and his fine of 20*l.* reduced to 5*l.*, as his absence was occasioned by extreme sickness in remote parts among his friends.

Mr. Samuel Collins' ground chamber in Vine Court, which is very damp and strait and has but one chimney, may be consolidated, as he has contracted with his chamber-fellow, Mr. C. Perrott, to pay double duties, all but commons, and a fine.

The petition of Thomas Warren, Frances Warren, and Mary Smart is referred to Mr. Treasurer. If he sees cause, he may send for the ancients of New Inn, and report at the last Parliament of this term.

Unless gentlemen who have neglected to pay commons, after having been called upon by the Steward, pay within a week after notice of this order, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen three days.

All persons fined for not reading or pretermitted by their Masterships, shall go over to the ancient table, according to ancient usage.

Sir Francis North, Solicitor-General, is chosen to succeed Mr. Northey as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Messrs. Francis Buller, John Buller, and John Entwisle, and Sir William Powell, *alias* Hinson, are called to the Bench in order to their reading. Mr. Treasurer is desired to write to them desiring their speedy answer, and to report this day fortnight.

Parliament holden by adjournment 10 Nov., 1671.

Messrs. Francis Buller, John Buller, and John Entwisle, and Sir William Powell, *alias* Hinson, knt., are fined 10*l.* each for not reading. *Latin.*

Messrs. Thomas Dove, Thomas Medlicott, George Gilbert Peirce, William Whitlocke, John Hoskins, and Thomas Walcott are called to the Bench in order to their reading.

The stack of chimneys belonging to the chambers of Messrs. Booth, Barrell, Toope, and Beare, having been repaired by the care of Mr. Barrell; it is referred to Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Rawlins to apportion the cost. If any one refuses to pay, and Mr. Barrell lays down the money to pay the workman, his chamber shall be seized till Mr. Barrell is reimbursed.

Fines set on Barristers for failing to perform exercises shall not be compounded for without leave of Parliament.

The 50*l.* deposited by Mr. Thomas Keck, a Master of the Bench, deceased, shall be repaid to his executrix.

Parliament holden 24 Nov., 1671.

Messrs. Thomas Dove, Thomas Medlicott, and George Gilbert Peirce are fined 10*l.* each for not reading. *Latin.*

Mr. Thomas Staples, on depositing 50*l.* or procuring himself to be admitted to a chamber above that value before the first Parliament of Hilary Term, shall be called to the Bench in order to his reading, and his antiquity shall be preserved to him. Mr. John Hoskins shall have till last Parliament of Easter Term to give an answer upon his call to the Bench, with a *salvo jure* to his antiquity.

Mr. Collins, a Master of the Bench, being admitted into a chamber in Vine Court with an assignment, and having deposited 50*l.* in lieu of a chamber till his reading, has leave to transfer his chamber with an assignment without fine.

Mr. Attorney Mountagu, Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Lechmere, Rawlins, and Calthorpe, or any three, are appointed to audit the Treasurer's account.

Mr. Alexander Staples, a Master of the Bench, shall have

distinct assignments in his own moiety of a ground chamber in Essex Court, and in the other moiety which he has purchased in the name of Mr. G. North, and on which he has spent above 50*l.* to make them distinct chambers; to hold one for life with an assignment, and with leave on Mr. North's surrender to transfer the other to any member of the House with an assignment, paying 20*l.* fine.

No gaming Christmas shall be kept. The allowance for the twelve days shall be 24*l.* Any person setting up a gaming Christmas shall be expelled, and every officer attending displaced. The Great Gate of the Middle Temple to Fleet Street shall be shut at 9 P.M., on pain of the Porter's losing his place. This order shall be fixed on the screen to-morrow and Monday next.

The uppermost chamber in Pumpe Court, into a moiety of which Mr. N. Haggatt is admitted, and the other moiety of which he has purchased from the House on his father's death, shall be consolidated, having but one chimney, Mr. Haggatt paying double duties, all but commons, and no fine.

Mr. H. Perrott being admitted to a chamber, shall be repaid his deposit on his call to the Bar.

On the petition of Mr. Milborne and other gentlemen in Vine Court, the apportionment of payment for the repairs shall be examined by a committee, if the money is first paid to discharge the workmen.

On Mr. F. Plouden's petition for an assignment in his chamber in return for money to be spent in its improvement, Mr. Treasurer is desired to report at next Parliament.

The order made against Mr. J. Angier is discharged on Mr. Treasurer's report that he was out of town, and no one in his chamber when the offence was done for which he was fined.

Notice shall be left at Mr. W. Northcote's chamber to remove Mr. Elliott and other strangers within a week, on pain of 5*l.*

On Mr. Conyers' report that one Smith, having houses in Fleet Street, had laid timber into Dr. Ball's wall and built over part of his house; the Sub-Treasurer with the House carpenter is ordered to meet Smith and his workmen, the Inner Temple having notice that they may send their workman, to view the place and consider the nuisance complained of, and to report at next Parliament.

On Mr. Treasurer's report of the case of Thomas Warren and others, and the answer of the ancients of New Inn to their petition, Messrs. Conyers and Wallop are appointed a committee to send for the ancients and try to reconcile the parties; and if not, to report at next Parliament.

The petition of Thomas Moore and John Moore, his son, for leave to erect a shop under the dead wall in Essex Court, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The expense of repairing the stack of chimneys in the Churchyard, amounting to 13*l.* 7*s.*, is apportioned as follows: Upon Mr. Booth, 2*l.* 17*s.*; upon Mr. Barrell, 2*l.* 17*s.*; upon Mr. Toope, 2*l.* 17*s.*, and 7*s.* more for tiling over his study and a weather board for his window; upon Mr. Beare, 2*l.* 17*s.*, and for tiling over his roof, being the uppermost chamber, 1*l.* 12*s.*

Mr. Ogilby shall be given 3*l.* for his book of America now presented to their Masterships.

William Stephens shall have a gift of 40*s.*

Parliament holden 26 Jan., 1671.

The account of Mr. Northey, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

Messrs. Conyers and Calthorpe are appointed a committee to confer with the Inner Temple about Smith's encroachments upon Dr. Ball's building.

Unless the fines of Messrs. F. Buller, J. Buller, J. Entwisle, Sir W. Powell, *alias* Hinson, T. Dove, and T. Medlicott for not reading are paid before next Parliament, their chambers shall be seized and padlocked up, or their bonds put in suit. A copy of this order left at their chambers shall be sufficient notice.

The order concerning Mr. Thomas Staples is continued, and further time given him till the last Parliament in Easter Term.

Messrs. Henry Turnor, Charles Turnor, Henry Higdon, and John Deane are fined 20*l.* each and expelled for setting up a gaming Christmas, and continuing the disorders till Monday after Twelfth day. Their chambers shall be seized and disposed of, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

An information shall be exhibited in the Crown Office against the above-named gentlemen and John Hudson and John Carpenter, who took upon them to be officers in the said

gaming Christmas, Robert Browne, the smith who broke open the doors, John Feetum his assistant, William Stopwell their cook, George Eales and Samuel Eales, his son, John Ball and —— Owen who served them in the buttery, and as many others who officiated under them as boxkeepers, watchmen, and otherwise, as Mr. Treasurer shall think fit.

John Lucas' petition for leave to erect at his own charge a shop in Essex Court to write and sell parchment in, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Treasurer shall have the Bench Chamber in the Garden Buildings lately assigned to Mr. Rawlins; Mr. Conyers the Bench Chamber in Little Court lately assigned to Mr. Treasurer; Mr. Rawlins the Bench Chamber in the passage into Bricke Court assigned to Mr. Conyers.

Unless Messrs. Milborne, T. Ekins, and J. Tate pay their shares towards the repairs of the building in Vine Court before next Parliament, their chambers shall be seized and padlocked. Leaving a copy of this order at their chambers shall be sufficient notice.

Unless Mr. W. Northcote pays within a week after notice the fine of 5*l.* for suffering strangers to lodge in his chamber, his chamber shall be seized. Leaving a copy of this order at his chamber shall be sufficient notice.

The orders on the petitions of Mr. F. Plouden, Thomas Warren, and others, are continued till next Parliament.

Messrs. Proctor, Northey, Conyers, and Wallop, or any two, are appointed a committee to consider the abuses in reading times, to review former orders, and to propose a remedy at next Parliament.

On consideration of several letters from Mr. William Booth, his fine of 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for failing to read is reduced to 20*l.*, if paid before the first Parliament of next term.

The petition of Thomas Blundell, late Puisne Butler, is referred to Mr. Treasurer to report at next Parliament.

If gentlemen indebted for commons do not pay within a week after notice, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 9 Feb., 1671.

Mr. Thomas Rawlins, Reader elect for next Lent, is confirmed. Mr. Wallop and Francis North, knt.,* Solicitor-General, are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. A. Collins, L. Calthorpe, A. Staples, R. Stephens. *Latin.*

Stewards:—Messrs. J. Guise, N. Loane, B. Dutton, R. Aldworth. *Latin.*

Mr. Rawlins, Reader elect for next Lent, has leave to transfer his chamber in Essex Court on depositing 50*l.* till his reading.

Mr. John Carpenter is fined 20*l.* and expelled for setting up a gaming Christmas.

Their Masterships concur with the Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple to bring an action against Smith in Dr. Ball's name, the costs of the suit being borne by both Houses.

Unless Mr. F. Buller and Mr. John Buller declare that they will come up to the Bench in order to their reading or pay their fines of 10*l.* within a week, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds sued. Copies of this order left at Mr. Francis Buller's chamber and at Mr. John Buller's lodging shall be sufficient notice. Mr. John Entwisle shall have till the last Parliament in Easter Term to say whether he will read or pay the fine.

The order made on the petition of Thomas Moore and John Moore is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. John Tate of the Utter Bar shall have an assignment in his chamber in the building over the Cloisters in Vine Court, in regard to his relationship to Mr. Francis Tate, who was the first builder there, for a fine of twenty marks.

On report of the committee, on surrender of a former lease made to Sir Thomas Ellyott and Dame Mary his wife, of several chambers in New Inn, whereupon some interest is derived to Thomas Warren, Frances Warren, and Mary Smart, *alias* Purchase; a new lease of the said chambers shall be made to them for thirty-one years if any of them live so long, with a proviso that the chambers be disposed of only to members of New Inn, and are subject to the orders thereof.

* "Franciscus Miles" in the MS., North being omitted.

Mr. Booth's fine *pro non legendo* is suspended, in consequence of his letter to Mr. Rawlins that he would read if elected again.

The 50*l.* deposited by Mr. W. Walcott shall be repaid, as he has kept several of his vacations and performed one assignment, and his brother on the Bench has declared that he will keep the rest of his vacations and perform his second assignment, or compound for them.

In pursuance of ancient usage, the usual ancient table shall be set apart for the ancient Barristers of the House. No other gentlemen of the Society shall sit there when any of the ancients are in commons, on pain of 3*s.* 4*d.* This order shall take effect from the beginning of next term, and shall be fixed on the screen.

All gentlemen of the Society during reading weeks and grand days shall come into the Hall in their gowns. Any gentleman of the Society dining in the Hall otherwise habited, except at the Reader's table when invited, or at the Bench table, or who shall bring in or associate with any person dining without such habit, shall forfeit 20*s.*

The Chief Butler shall cast every gentleman who shall dine in the Hall in reading weeks or grand days, except at the Reader's table or Bench table, into commons for the whole week. He shall give personal notice to every person whom he shall see in the Hall offending against the above order to depart forthwith out of the Hall, and inform the next Parliament of their names, on pain of 10*s.* These orders shall be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 26 April, 1672.

Notice shall be given to Mr. Edward Wright to stop up the window lately made by him out of his chamber into the Bench garden, and to make good the wall with brick.

Gentlemen owing more than 20*s.* for commons must pay within a fortnight; those owing less, before next Parliament. In default, their chambers will be seized, or bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

As the gentlemen who kept commons last vacation would sign the accounts only at 6*s.* 6*d.* a man weekly, and cast the rest of the weekly charge in apparells, contrary to an express order charging gentlemen to pay 7*s.* in vacation times; the Steward shall make a new roll charging them at 7*s.*, demand

the money forthwith, and report to Mr. Treasurer before next Parliament.

On the petition of the woman who washes the House linen, 5*l.* shall be given to her; and four marks to William Mellicheape. This is to be no precedent, as he is no officer of the House.

Mr. J. Guise's chamber shall be seized unless he pays the 10*l.* as steward to Mr. Rawlins in his reading before next Parliament.

Parliament holden 17 May, 1672.

Mr. J. Guise's chamber shall be padlocked unless he pays 10*l.* in a week.

On the petition of Mr. W. Northcote, whose chamber was seized for non-payment of a fine of 5*l.* for suffering strangers to lodge in his chamber, alleging that he was ignorant of the order from absence in the country, and had paid the fine immediately on his return; the fine shall be repaid, but he shall pay 10*s.* fine on readmittance.

Messrs. Y. Cooke, R. Bourne, J. Whitfeild, J. Rashleigh, P. Rashleigh, J. Morgan, S. Trist, E. Turnor, J. Conyers, and W. Tayleur are called to the degree of the Utter Bar; and Messrs. W. Strangwayes and R. Aldworth are called of grace.

Mr. R. Blakeston is fined 5*l.* for disorders daily committed in his chamber by strangers, and for withholding goods belonging to his chamber-fellow. Unless these goods are restored in a week, his chamber shall be padlocked. A copy of this notice left at his chamber shall be sufficient notice.

Mr. Treasurer shall have the Bench Chamber in Brick Court now or late in the Lord Chief Baron's possession; and Mr. Calthorpe the Bench Chamber in the Garden Buildings, lately assigned to Mr. Rawlins.

The consideration of divers ancients of the Bar lately called to the Bench and not come up, shall be considered at the first Parliament in Michaelmas Term.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to thank Mr. Elias Ashmole for presenting to their Masterships his book entitled "The Institution, Lawes, and Ceremonys of the Most Noble Order of the Garter."

Parliament holden 7 June, 1672.

"Mr. Prodger Herbert W." * shall be called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Mr. Treasurer has leave to publish those who were last called, when he thinks fit, on their producing certificates that they have paid duties and received the Sacrament.

The reading shall be put off this next Autumn.

The bricklayer's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to send for the gentlemen mentioned, and if he sees cause, to order them to pay him.

The Bench Chamber in Essex Court assigned to Mr. Calthorpe shall be considered of at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 21 June, 1672.

No person to be called to the degree of the Utter Bar shall be admitted to be sworn or published till the same term in the next year after his call, unless within that time he shall have performed in his course his first assignment. This order shall be fixed on the screen this term.

Mr. Staples shall have the Bench Chamber in Essex Court formerly assigned to Mr. Calthorpe. Mr. Staples shall have time given him to dispose of his own chamber till the end of Michaelmas Term, but upon sale of it to deposit 50*l.* till his reading.

Mr. Robert Stephens, a Master of the Bench, shall have a lease of 7 feet of ground to be taken out of the storehouse.

Mr. H. Chauncy of the Utter Bar has leave to finish a small building on the ground in Essex Court adjoining his chamber to make a seat for a clerk. It shall be annexed to his chamber till the Bench shall order the rebuilding, on paying 10*s.* fine for admittance.

The fine of 5*l.* imposed on Mr. R. Blakeston shall be reduced to 40*s.*, and on payment the padlock taken off his chamber.

On the petition of the vacation Barristers that the Benchers would dispense with this following vacation, it is ordered that next vacation shall continue only to the first Sunday in August.

Robert Steele, a labourer in the kitchen, shall be paid 40*s.* in regard of his long sickness, and the same sum to William Stephens.

* "Herbert W." in the margin.

Parliament holden 25 Oct., 1672.

Mr. Lestrange Calthorpe is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Alexander Staples for next Autumn. *Latin.*

Mr. Anthony Collins, appointed Reader for last Autumn, which reading was put off by Parliament of 7 June, 1672, whereby his course failed without his fault, is dispensed with for his reading, and he shall have all the rights, privileges, and benefits of a Reader. Mr. Collins accepted the favour, and because it freed him from the considerable expense necessary to support the dignity of that exercise, he offered his deposit of 50*l.* to the use of the Society, and to pay 150*l.* more in convenient time.

Mr. John Entwisle was called to the Bench in order to his reading and fined 10*l.* upon his refusal, but afterwards had time given him to this Parliament to declare whether he would read or not. Not having done so, the fine shall be levied.

Messrs. John Hoskins and Edward Smith are called to the Bench in order to their reading.

Mr. Tristram Conyers is chosen to succeed Sir Francis North, Solicitor-General, as Treasurer, to begin at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Mr. Nathaniel Browne, chosen Reader at New Inn, is fined twenty nobles for failing to read in Trinity Term last, and is required to perform the said service this term on pain of twenty marks increase of fine. The Under-Treasurer shall give him notice of this order.

Unless gentlemen in arrears for commons above 20*s.* pay within a fortnight, and those owing a less sum before next Parliament, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

The petition of William Burt, John Evan, and William Mellicheape, appointed as a guard to secure the person of one White, who had fled to the chamber of Mr. W. Northcote when wounded while committing a robbery in Lincoln's Inn Fields on a servant of Lord St. John, and who has now been convicted and executed, is referred to Mr. Treasurer. Mr. Northcote is fined twenty nobles, to be paid before next Parliament, or his chamber will be seized. A copy of this order left at his chamber shall be sufficient notice.

Parliament holden 22 Nov., 1672.

Mr. Nathaniel Browne shall be fined twenty marks for refusing to read at New Inn, and be discharged from being Reader. On paying the fine and all arrears of duties upon the rolls before the first Parliament in next term, his name shall be left out of the rolls. The Under-Treasurer is to give him written notice of this order.

No one who is pretermitted, or has refused to read, or is fined *pro non legendo*, shall sit at any other table but the usual ancient table set apart for the ancient Barristers, on pain of 6*s.* 8*d.* for every offence. The Chief Butler shall demand the forfeitures of offenders.

Mr. Mountagu, Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Proctor, Northey, Lechmere, Rawlins, Collins, and Calthorpe, or any three, are appointed a committee for auditing Mr. Treasurer's account.

No gaming Christmas shall be kept. The allowance for the twelve days shall be 24*l.* Any one setting up a gaming Christmas shall be expelled, and officers attending them displaced. The Great Gate to Fleet Street shall be shut at 9 P.M. on pain of the Porter's losing his place. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Mr. Antony Ettricke is called to the Bench in order to his reading, on depositing 50*l.* in lieu of a chamber till he has performed his reading, and paying all arrears of duties. He shall continue to be two years of the lower form at the Bench, and read when appointed.

Mr. R. Blakeston's fine of 40*s.* is remitted on his father's petition.

Mr. Alexander Staples has leave to transfer his chamber in Essex Court with an assignment on depositing 50*l.* until he has performed his reading.

Mr. Stephens shall have the Bench Chamber in Essex Court, late Mr. Mundy's, unless Mr. Calthorpe shall choose it, when Mr. Stephens shall have the Bench Chamber in the Garden Buildings assigned to Mr. Calthorpe.

Messrs. R. Merrett and J. Darnell are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

On the petition of the brewer and potter that they had laid in beer and pots in Michaelmas Term, some part whereof was expended by divers persons who kept a gaming Christmas and

broke open the cellar doors without their privity or consent, they shall be paid out of the Treasury.

Robert Steele, a labourer in the kitchen, shall be given 40*s.* because of his long sickness, and William Stephens also 40*s.*

On the petition of John Barwell, saddler, that divers annoyances are thrown into his yard or backside out of chambers of this Society mentioned in his petition; Mr. Treasurer is desired to admonish the owners of the chambers.

Parliament holden 24 Jan., 1672.

The account of Sir Francis North, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

Sir Francis Winnington, being made one of His Majesty's Counsel by patent and Solicitor-General to the Duke of York, is called to the Bench.

Mr. T. Manley is called to the degree of the Utter Bar *ex gratia*, paying his arrears.

No person shall be called to the degree of the Utter Bar *ex gratia* at the Parliament at which his name is proposed.

The King's Solicitor is desired to speak with Mr. Attorney-General about purchasing the feefarm rent of both Houses.

On the petition of Mary Tickle, who washes the House linen, alleging the great price of coals, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* shall be given her at the end of the term.

The apportionment by Mr. Treasurer of the charge for repairing the staircase in the Churchyard by the Cloisters is approved, viz. Messrs. Booth and Barrell 10*s.* each, Messrs. Toope and Beare 7*s.* 6*d.* each.

Mr. T. Trott's chamber in Elme Court having been two chambers, shall be again divided. Mr. O. Wilson shall be admitted into one part for a fine on Mr. Trott's surrender, and paying his duties.

The suit on the bond of Mr. John Higdon of the Utter Bar as surety for his brother, Henry, who was fined 20*l.* for misdemeanour and is now beyond sea, shall be stopped, on his paying his brother's duties to the Steward and House and the charges of suit.

Mr. Edward Northey having contracted with the executors of Mr. Ezra Harris, deceased, for a chamber in Pumpe Court, which had been formerly his father's and was transferred by him without the benefit of an assignment, shall be admitted to

the said chamber on the executors' surrender, with an assignment without fine.

Mr. J. Darnell having compounded for his vacations and given caution for the performance of his assignments, shall be repaid his deposit of 50*l.*

Parliament holden 7 Feb., 1672.

Mr. Lestrange Calthorpe, Reader elect for next Lent, is confirmed. Messrs. Rawlins and Collins are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. A. Staples, R. Stephens, F. Barrell, G. Johnson. *Latin.*

Stewards:—Messrs. F. Morgan, J. Tate, W. Parslow, W. Jephson. *Latin.*

If Mr. John Higdon of the Utter Bar does not within a fortnight pay his brother Henry's duties, the former order shall be discharged.

Mr. Henry Turnor, expelled for setting up a gaming Christmas, is restored on his petition.

The chamber in Vine Court of Mr. Stuart Foster of the Utter Bar, who has contracted with Mr. Y. Cooke, his chamberfellow, for his moiety, the two having but one chimney, shall be consolidated, on Mr. Foster paying double duties and a fine.

On the petition of John Chaloner, Thomas Silvester, Thomas Blundell, Robert Harvey, Edmund Ball, and John Young, Butlers and other officers, 40*s.* each shall be given them.

Mr. Dove is fined 5*l.* and ordered to attend in the Parliament Chamber next Monday, for having broken the padlock set upon his chamber at his coming to town.

Mr. G. Pudsey's chamber shall be sold for his arrears unless they are paid before the end of this term. They have been demanded by Mr. Northey and Sir Francis North, and his chamber was seized last Michaelmas Term. He had leave for his brother to use his chamber last vacation, promising the arrears should be paid before the first day of this term, which has not be done.

The bond of Mr. N. Browne shall be put in suit, and effectual course taken to have him arrested for not paying a fine of twenty marks for refusing to read at New Inn.

Parliament holden 18 April, 1673.

The suit against Mr. J. Higdon shall be effectually proceeded in.

Unless Mr. G. Pudsey pays his arrears before the next Parliament, his chamber shall be sold.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to make a composition with Mr. N. Browne before next Parliament.

In pursuance of an order of 2 June, 1671, and on the petition of Mr. M. Beaver, to have leave to surrender part of a chamber in Vine Court which he has with Mr. Chapman, Chief Butler, or to be remitted the absent commons charged upon that part; the said commons shall be remitted, and on payment of his other duties, his name shall be left out of the rolls.

The petition of Adam Felton, stationer, for leave to rebuild his shop in Middle Temple Lane and the ruinous chambers over it, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

The Steward shall summon before Mr. Treasurer the first fifteen gentlemen in a list of those in arrears presented by him, and unless they pay before the last Wednesday in this term, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit.

In pursuance of a former order permitting Mr. T. Trott to divide his chamber in Elme Court and admit Mr. O. Wilson into one part, Mr. Trott is to be admitted into the other part without fine.

The names of Messrs. J. Bowles, J. Combes, J. Herle, C. Whitlocke, T. Bennett, R. Hunt, and C. Cocks are proposed for calling to the Bar.

Parliament holden 9 May, 1673.

Arrears of hearth money, said to be for three half-years at Ladyday last, shall be paid before the end of the first week of next term to the Butler who collects it. The chamber of any one neglecting to pay shall be seized. This order is to be fixed on the screen to-morrow.

No person shall be called to the degree of the Utter Bar who has not performed eight exercises at least, four of them in the House. No person shall read his exercise upon moots or assignments or repeating pleadings, but perform the same according to ancient practice.

The order for selling Mr. G. Pudsey's chamber is confirmed.

The order in favour of Mr. N. Browne is continued, if he applies to Mr. Treasurer before the first Parliament of next term.

On Mr. Treasurer's report, Adam Felton has leave to rebuild his shop in Middle Temple Lane, and the ruinous chambers over it, with good oaken timber of such scantlings as Mr. Treasurer shall direct. He shall have a lease for thirty-one years, reserving the old rent of 14*l.* a year.

Messrs. R. Hide, W. White, S. Ward, B. Pitt, W. Ludlow, W. Guavas, R. Bowser, W. Jephson, E. Lygon, M. Brighouse, J. Combes, J. Herle, and R. Hunt are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Messrs. J. Bowles, C. Whitlocke, T. Bennett, C. Cocks, J. Tremayne, W. Peisley, W. Williams, and A. Devereux are called of grace.

On Mr. H. Turnor's petition, when he pays the fine of 20*l.* Mr. Treasurer may return what he thinks fit.

William Mellicheape shall be given 40*s.* for his service in the Hall.

Alexander Wilkinson shall have the place of Puisne Butler, now void.

Parliament holden 30 May, 1673.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Proctor, Wallop, Johnson, Whitlocke, Hoskins, and Walcott, or any three, are appointed a committee to consider the ancient practice and orders for performance of exercise, and to propound what rules are fit for the future.

The order for selling Mr. G. Pudsey's chamber is confirmed.

Upon the gentlemen's petition, showing the great inconvenience by the continual passing of all sorts of coaches through Middle Temple Lane, a post shall be set up at the Great Gate towards Fleet Street, as Mr. Treasurer shall think fit.

Mr. E. Ravenscroft's chamber shall be seized for his arrears. The chambers of the first thirteen in the Steward's roll now presented, viz. Messrs. W. Usher, J. Usher, A. Hoveden, W. Herbert, N. Allen, H. Mountagu, W. Tailcur, R. Pensell, H. Perrott, R. Bourne, F. Row, S. Ward, and G. Coghlan shall be padlocked till their arrears are paid, or, if they have no chambers, their bonds put in suit.

Mr. W. Bell shall be admitted into the part of a chamber late Mr. M. Beaver's, paying Beaver's arrears and a fine.

Parliament holden 13 June, 1673.

Mr. Alexander Staples, Reader elect for next Autumn, is confirmed. Messrs. Collins and Calthorpe are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. R. Stephens, F. Barrell, G. Johnson, W. Whitlocke. *Latin.*

Stewards:—Messrs. T. Gape, G. Dowdeswell, C. Vincent, R. Garth. *Latin.*

Mr. Francis Drake shall have an assignment in the chamber in Middle Temple Lane belonging to his brother, Sir William Drake, who has an assignment therein, on paying 5*l.* fine for admission, and 20 marks for the assignment.

The committee about exercises is continued.

Mr. Treasurer has leave to publish the gentlemen lately called to the degree of the Utter Bar in Michaelmas Term next.

Mr. W. Turnor is called to the degree of the Utter Bar of grace.

In pursuance of ancient practice and orders, any Master of the Bench revealing any matter of counsel debated in Parliament, shall lose his voice in Parliament.

The petition of Mr. Wilcocks, late brewer, for 6*l.* 10*s.* due to him, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden 24 Oct., 1673.

Mr. Robert Stephens is elected Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Antony Ettricke for next Autumn. *Latin.*

Mr. Henry Dighton and Mr. Thomas Smith are called to the Bench in order to their reading, Mr. Dighton depositing 50*l.* in lieu of a chamber until he has performed his reading.

The committee about exercises is continued.

On a complaint by the Lord Treasurer to Mr. Treasurer of the great arrears of the King's duty of hearth money, it is ordered that the arrears shall be paid out of the Treasury, and the rolls for the arrears of the said duty shall be forthwith collected and paid into the Treasury. Mr. Treasurer is desired to report who are in arrears at next Parliament. Officers having chambers must pay the duty. The arrears of officers dead or displaced shall be paid out of the Treasury.

On report of William Smith, the Steward, 6*l.* 10*s.* shall be

paid to Mr. Wilcocks, the brewer, and the bonds of gentlemen owing money on his rolls for commons before the alteration of commons, shall be put in suit.

The chambers of the first eleven persons mentioned in the Steward's note as being in arrears for commons, shall be padlocked until their arrears be paid, or their bonds put in suit. A fortnight shall be given to Mr. Petty to pay the duties of Messrs. J. and W. Usher.

J. Allen's bond shall be put in suit against his executrix, and J. Deane shall be arrested upon the outlawry. Notice shall be given to Mr. J. Birch, surety for W. Alport, of what legal proceedings have been taken.

The petition of Messrs. John Jeffe and Christopher Deane are referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Richard Wallop is chosen to succeed Mr. Conyers as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Messrs. J. Cooper, R. Archer, and R. Rawlins are proposed for being called to the Bar at the next call.

Parliament holden 21 Nov., 1673.

Mr. Antony Ettricke, being ancient to Mr. Robert Stephens, by his consent will read in Lent next, and Mr. Stephens in Autumn following.

Mr. Henry Dighton is fined 10*l.* for not reading.

Mr. William Thursby is called to the Bench in order to his reading.

The committee about exercises is continued.

Mr. John Usher's bond shall be delivered to Mr. William Petty, his surety, on his payment of Usher's arrears. Prosecution of the suit against W. Alport shall be respited till the first Parliament in Easter Term, on Mr. Edward Birch undertaking that Alport's arrears shall be paid before that time. The Under-Treasurer at that Parliament must report what is done therein.

Mr. J. Cooper is called to the degree of the Utter Bar of grace, depositing 50*l.* or procuring himself to be admitted into a chamber. Messrs. R. Archer and R. Rawlins are called to the same degree.

Mr. Ettricke shall have the Bench Chamber in Bricke Court late Mr. Hussey's, unless Mr. Calthorpe choose it, when he shall have the Bench chamber in Garden Buildings assigned

to Mr. Calthorpe. Mr. Barrell shall have Mr. George's Bench Chamber, heretofore assigned to Mr. Staples.

Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Proctor, Northey, Lechmere, Collins, and Calthorpe, or any three, are appointed to audit Mr. Treasurer's account.

The widow of John Chaloner, late Butler, shall have a charitable gift of 5*l.*; William Mellichamp 40*s.* for service in the Hall and buttery; and the House laundress five marks because of the dearness of coals.

On the petition of Katherine Browne, widow, Mr. Treasurer shall have power to make her a lease of the shop and room in her possession for seven years, if she live so long, at 8*l.* a year, but not to alien or assign any part thereof without leave.

Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Wallop, the succeeding Treasurer, are desired to view Adam Felton's building in Middle Temple Lane, which is said to have stopped up a window in Mr. Ettricke's chamber; and to report at next Parliament.

Unless Mr. C. Vincent pays 10*l.* as steward to Mr. Staples in his reading within a fortnight, his chamber shall be seized and padlocked. Mr. Staples shall be forthwith paid 10*l.* out of the Treasury.

Mr. Ogilby shall be given 4*l.* for his first book of Imperial Asia now presented to their Masterships.

No gaming Christmas shall be kept. The allowance shall be 24*l.* The gate shall be shut at 9 P.M. The usual penalties are threatened.

Parliament holden 23 Jan., 1673.

The last Treasurer's account is allowed.

Mr. Henry Dighton's bond shall be put in suit to recover the fine imposed by the last Parliament.

Mr. Calthorpe shall have the Bench Chamber late Mr. Hussey's; Mr. Ettricke the Bench Chamber in Garden Buildings assigned to Mr. Calthorpe; Mr. Barrell that now in possession of Mr. Glanvill, who is ordered to quit possession forthwith.

The order touching Felton's building is continued till next Parliament.

The order touching exercises is continued.

Those gentlemen owing more than 40*s.* for commons must

pay before the last Wednesday of this term, otherwise their chambers will be seized, or their bonds put in suit.

Mr. Vere Bertie being made of His Majesty's Counsel by patent, is called to the Bench.

Mr. Staples shall be repaid 20*l.* paid for an assignment in his chamber, according to an order of 24 Nov., 1671.

A Meeting of the Masters of the Bench in the Parliament Chamber, 3 Feb., 1673.

In pursuance of an order of last Parliament, Mr. William Glanvill must quit possession of the Bench Chamber under the Hall by Thursday night next, on pain of expulsion.

Parliament holden 6 Feb., 1673.

Mr. Antony Ettricke, Reader elect for next Lent, is confirmed. Messrs. Calthorpe and Staples are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. R. Stephens, F. Barrell, G. Johnson, W. Whitlocke. *Latin.*

Stewards:—Messrs. N. Chyles, E. Crayford, G. Evans, F. Buller. *Latin.*

Mr. H. Dighton, on payment before next Parliament of his fine of 10*l.* for not reading, shall be discharged of his duties on the rolls, and his name left out of the rolls if he desire it; but for non-payment of the fine within the time aforesaid, the order of last Parliament is to stand.

Upon report of the committee, Mr. W. Ettricke shall have the garret in the building lately erected by Adam Felton annexed to his chamber over the Great Gate in recompense of the damage by stopping up a window in his chamber. Adam Felton shall be paid 15*l.* for the garret.

Messrs. Proctor, Northey, Lechmere, Conyers, Collins, and Calthorpe, or any three, are appointed a committee to consider the proposals now made touching the performance of exercises, and to report at next Parliament.

On the petition of Mr. Charles Turnor, expelled for setting up a gaming Christmas, he shall be restored, paying a fine of 20*s.* for re-admission to his chamber, but the fine imposed on him will be considered at the next Parliament.

The petition of Thomas Silvester and the other officers is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to do as was done last year.

Parliament holden 8 May, 1674.

The Bench Chamber under the Hall is declared void. Persons in possession thereof must remove their goods before Thursday next.

The proposals now tendered for regulating exercises are recommitted to the former committee, to which Sir Peter Ball is added.

Unless Messrs. N. Chyles, E. Crayford, and F. Buller pay their 10*l.* as stewards to Mr. Ettricke in his reading within a fortnight, their bonds shall be put in suit.

Mr. W. Alport's bond shall be put in suit against his sureties for his arrears, and Mr. H. Dighton's for his fine of 10*l.*

The names of Messrs. R. North, E. Northey, W. Northcote, J. Hungerford, W. Kendall, J. Row, and E. Hooper are proposed to be called to the Bar.

Unless the first fourteen gentlemen in the schedule presented by the Steward as in debt for commons, and such others as Mr. Treasurer shall think fit, pay their arrears in a fortnight, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit.

Adjourned to Friday next.

Parliament holden by adjournment 15 May, 1674.

Mr. Barrell shall have the Bench Chamber under the Hall.

Mr. R. Blakeston is expelled, unless at next Parliament he shows cause to the contrary, for not attending when summoned. He was fined 5*l.* on 17 May, 1672, for disorders committed in his chamber by strangers and dissolute persons of evil fame. The fine was reduced to 40*s.* on 21 June, 1672, and on payment he was restored to his chamber, but the disorder is continued. A copy of this order left at his chamber shall be sufficient notice.

Mr. H. Chapman shall attend their Masterships in the Bench garden on Monday after dinner.

Mr. R. Torkington's executor shall pay to the Clerk 3*s.* 4*d.* for the knell, and to the bearers 20*s.*

On Mr. C. Turnor's petition, and at the request of his father, Mr. Baron Turnor, his fine of 20*l.* shall be reduced to 5*l.* On attending Mr. Treasurer and paying the costs of suit and duties on the rolls, the remainder of 15*l.* shall be repaid to him.

Parliament holden 29 May, 1674.

Mr. H. Chapman is fined 10*l.* for great disorders committed in his chamber. If not paid before the first Parliament of next term, he shall be expelled. A copy of this order left at his chamber shall be sufficient notice.

On report of the committee for regulating exercises, it is ordered—

1. In every assignment performed by the gentlemen of the Bar, the first moot shall be in assize or other real action, and the pleadings repeated without any remission.

2. The moots performed by the gentlemen of the Bar and under the Bar shall be performed *memoriter*, without reading them; and every case to contain two disputable points.

3. No moot shall be recorded unless the Masters of the Bench who sit upon the moot in term time, and the Masters of the Bar who sit upon the moot in vacation time, shall subscribe that the exercise was performed according to the rules.

These orders shall be fixed on the screen the first Monday in every term.

The last rule touching New Inn is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report on it at next Parliament.

Unless Mr. R. Blakeston shows better matter to their Masterships at the next Parliament, the order touching him shall be made absolute. Meantime he has liberty to sell his chamber.

Mr. W. Lawrence's petition for consolidating his part of his chamber to his chamber-fellow, Mr. J. Higdon, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

Messrs. B. Turvile, J. Trenchard, S. Lechmere, R. Freeman, S. Smith, R. Garth, and R. Pencell are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Messrs. R. Gybbon, E. Hooper, J. Hungerford, E. Northey, R. North, W. Kendall, J. Row, H. Melling, and W. Northcote are also called of grace.

Parliament holden 19 June, 1674.

The order against Mr. H. Chapman is suspended until the first Parliament of Michaelmas Term because of his sickness. Notice must be given to him to attend that Parliament.

The order against Mr. R. Blakeston upon his humble submission is suspended till the same Parliament, which he must attend.

The order touching New Inn is to be further considered at next Parliament.

On Mr. Treasurer's report, the moiety of a chamber in Vine Court, now Mr. W. Lawrence's, shall be united to Mr. J. Higdon's part, who shall be admitted thereunto as into a sole chamber, paying double duties, all but commons, and 40*s.* fine.

Messrs. Christopher, Edmund, and Charles Turnor are expelled for their scandalous and shameless behaviour late at night in several courts, unless they can show good cause to the contrary on Friday next. A copy of this order left at their chambers shall be sufficient notice.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to apply to the Lord Chief Justice to take some effectual course against Henry Higdon and John Shann, who were engaged in the same scandalous actions.

The Under-Treasurer shall present at next Parliament a list of those in arrear for pensions above 20*s.*

Adjourned to Friday night.

Parliament holden by adjournment 26 June, 1674.

The order concerning the Turnors is to be considered at next Parliament, which they are to attend.

Parliament holden 3 July, 1674.

The Society of New Inn shall choose yearly two Readers, the ancient whereof shall keep exercise in Trinity Term, the Summer reading, and Michaelmas Term following during the reading time, and in term time according to the times appointed by the ancient orders; the Puisne, in Hilary Term, Lent reading, and Easter Term following. The exercises performed by the gentlemen under the Bar at New Inn are not to be recorded unless the Reader subscribes that they were performed according to the rules. Readers at New Inn shall read in person, not by deputy, unless by order of Parliament. This order shall begin in next Easter Term, and be fixed on the screen with the orders touching exercises on Mondays in the grand weeks in every term.

Mr. R. Blakeston shall be expelled, with liberty to sell his chamber in a month.

The chambers of gentlemen who do not clear off arrears of pensions and other duties before the first Parliament of next term, shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. Gentlemen

who have come into commons without giving bonds, must give bonds with sureties, as is usual, before the last Parliament in next term. They are not to come into commons after the end of this term until they have done so.

The order about the Turnors is to be considered at the first Parliament of next term.

Mr. Ettricke, the last Reader, shall have an assignment added to the chamber of his son, William, over the Gate.

Mr. Lechmere has leave to transfer the chamber of his son, Edmund, with an assignment.

On the petition of Walter Smith, Steward, to be dismissed before Michaelmas Term, Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Northey, Lechmere, Conyers, Rawlins, Collins, and Calthorpe, or any three, with Mr. Treasurer, are appointed a committee to take his accounts and to arrange for the future.

Mr. Treasurer is to report at next Parliament on Mr. R. Belwood's petition for an assignment in his chamber in Pumpe Court, in return for money spent in improving it.

Daniel Faircloth shall have 40*s.* for service in the Hall.

Richard Blome shall have 5*l.* given him for his books, a description of England and of the four parts of the world, now presented to their Masterships.

On report of the committee, the Lecturers' lodgings, now in great decay, shall be repaired at the cost of both Houses. Mr. Treasurer is desired to set out parts in the lodgings for both Lecturers and the Curate, with the consent of the Treasurer of the Inner Temple.

Mr. Robert Stephens, chosen Reader for next Autumn, is confirmed. *Latin.*

The appointment of Assistants, Cupboardmen, and Stewards is put off till Wednesday after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 8 July, 1674.

Mr. Robert Stephens is dispensed with for reading, being disabled by apparent weakness of body from performing that exercise with the decorum requisite for such a solemnity.

Mr. William King of the Utter Bar is fined 20*s.* for striking the Porter at supper while he was attending at the screen. He shall be out of commons until he has paid the fine.

The bonds of Messrs. N. Chyles and F. Buller, appointed stewards to Mr. Ettricke in his reading, shall be put in suit

for their refusing to pay 10*l.* each. Mr. Ettricke shall be paid 20*l.* out of the Treasury.

The chamber of Mr. F. Buller of the Utter Bar shall be seized and sold unless he pays his arrears within a week after notice.

On the humble request of the vacation Barristers, the next vacation shall continue till 15 August.

Dr. Ball shall be required to deliver the keys of the Lecturers' lodgings to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden 23 Oct., 1674.

Mr. Francis Barrell was chosen Reader for next Lent, and Francis Winnington, knt., for next Autumn. *Latin.*

On Mr. Treasurer's report, Mr. R. Belwood of the Utter Bar shall have an assignment in his chamber in Pumpe Court for 10*l.* fine.

The execution of the order of the last Parliament about Mr. R. Blakeston is suspended till 24 Nov. on account of his sickness. He has liberty to sell his chamber meantime.

Mr. Edmund Turnor having been heard, the information against him and his brothers is referred to further consideration.

The order touching Mr. Smith, the Steward, is to be considered this day fortnight.

The execution of an order touching Mr. F. Buller of the Utter Bar, is respited till next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to speak with the Treasurer of the Inner Temple about repairing the Lecturers' lodgings, and to require Dr. Ball to deliver the key to the two Lecturers.

Mr. Thomas Rawlins is chosen to succeed Mr. Wallop as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

The putting certain gentlemen out of commons this vacation by some Barristers and gentlemen, whereby one has forfeited his vacation, shall be considered this day fortnight. The Butler must attend with the buttery book.

The calling up of Benchers shall be considered this day fortnight.

The execution of an order against Mr. H. Chapman is respited till this day fortnight, when he is required to attend.

Parliament holden by adjournment 6 Nov., 1674.

On Mr. Smith's petition, he shall be continued Steward.

Messrs. Robert Merrett, William Herbert, William Tayleur, and Baldwin Pitt are summoned to attend the Parliament on Friday.

Messrs. James Smith and William Tracy are called to the Bench in order to reading.

Mr. H. Chapman on account of sickness has time given him to attend the last Parliament this term.

Adjourned "to this day sennett."

Parliament holden by adjournment 14 Nov., 1674.

The order touching Messrs. R. Merrett, W. Herbert, W Tayleur, and B. Pitt is referred to next Parliament. Notice must be given them to attend. Mr. Treasurer is desired to speak with Messrs. E. Northey, J. Washington, and H. Hetherington, who are likewise ordered to attend.

A Meeting of the Masters of the Bench in the Parliament Chamber 18 Nov., 1674.

Mr. William Tayleur of the Utter Bar is fined twenty marks for misdemeanours and insolencies committed yesterday evening, to be paid in a week. He shall be put out of commons, and yet cast into commons meantime. A copy of this order left at his chamber shall be sufficient notice.

Ford, the Porter, is fined five marks for having been instrumental and active in the said miscarriages.

Parliament holden 27 Nov., 1674.

Messrs. R. Merrett, W. Herbert, W. Tayleur, and B. Pitt are fined five marks each, to be paid within a week, for fining and turning out of commons this last vacation those appointed auditors for casting up commons, for refusing to sign commons under 7*s.* a man a week, according to the order of 17 June, 1670; and for requiring them to sign commons at 6*s.* 11*d.* when the charge much exceeded that rate, and was cast in apparells upon the House. A copy of this order left at their chambers shall be sufficient notice.

Mr. E. Northey has forfeited his vacation by being put out

of commons for refusing to violate the said order. This forfeiture is remitted.

Mr. R. Merrett is expelled for insolent behaviour in Parliament, and for having laboured to make a faction and mutiny among the members of the House.

Mr. W. Tayleur's fine of twenty marks is confirmed. If not paid before the first Parliament of next term, his chamber shall be seized. A copy of this order left at his chamber shall be sufficient notice.

Mr. Mountagu, Sir Peter Ball, Sir Francis Winington, Messrs. Proctor, Lechmere, Conyers, Collins, and Calthorpe are appointed to audit Mr. Treasurer's account for last year.

If Mr. R. Blakeston does not sell his chamber before Christmas next, Mr. Treasurer shall sell it for the use of the House.

No person shall be called to or proposed in the paper for the degree of the Utter Bar without being first admitted into a chamber, and not upon depositing 50*l.* This order shall be fixed on the screen the first Monday next term.

The order touching Mr. F. Buller of the Utter Bar is continued till the first Parliament next term.

The Lecturers' lodgings, now in much decay, shall be repaired if the Inner House will join in the charge. Being divided into two parts, Mr. Buck shall have his choice, but not to dispose thereof without leave.

Mr. W. Tracy is fined 10*l.* for not reading.

Mr. James Smith having had notice of his being called to the Bench, shall give his answer whether he will read or no before next Parliament.

A further call to the Bench shall be considered at the first Parliament next term.

The order touching Mr. H. Chapman is respited till next Parliament, when he is to attend.

Mr. T. Ekins is called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

The petition of Mr. W. Thompson of the Utter Bar for consolidating his part and Mr. J. Stephens' part of a chamber in Vine Court, which have but one chimney, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

Jane Lloyd, who looks to the Parliament Chamber, shall have 40*s.* in regard of her long sickness.

There shall be no gaming Christmas. The allowance shall

be 24*l*. The Great Gate shall be shut at 9 P.M. This order shall be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 29 Jan., 1674.

The last Treasurer's account is allowed.

On Mr. W. Herbert's petition, all but one mark of his fine shall be repaid on payment of his duties.

If Messrs. B. Pitt and W. Tayleur do not pay their fines before next Parliament, their chambers shall be padlocked and seized. A copy of this order left at their chambers shall be sufficient notice.

On Mr. R. Merrett's petition he is restored, and on payment of his fine and arrears he shall be readmitted to his chamber.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Proctor, Northey, Lechmere, Conyers, Wallop, Collins, Calthorpe, and Thursby, or any three, are appointed a committee to consider the orders presented by the ancients of New Inn for the better government of their House, and their proposals for a new building. They are desired to see the ground, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Calthorpe has leave to transfer the chamber in Pumpe Court, to which his son, Mr. Lestrange Calthorpe, was lately admitted, upon his surrender with an assignment.

The chamber of Mr. R. Blakeston shall be sold, and the money disposed to the use of the House.

Mr. Treasurer has leave to compound with Messrs. J. and R. Kay for their great arrears of duties, and to leave them out of the rolls.

The order touching the Lecturers' lodgings is confirmed.

Mr. James Smith must positively give his answer whether he will read, before next Parliament.

Mr. Solicitor-General shall have the Bench Chamber in Bricke Court, now in possession of the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, when he shall please to leave it.

Mr. Henry Chauncy is called to the Bench in order to his reading.

On Mr. Treasurer's report, Mr. J. Stephens' and Mr. W. Thompson's parts of a chamber in Vine Court shall be united, and Mr. Thompson admitted thereto, paying double duties, all but commons, and a fine on admittance.

The petition of Mr. Charles Cocks to be referee in place of Mr. John Cocks, his uncle, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, who

shall take care that there is a release from Mr. John Cocks, and to report at next Parliament.

On the petition of Thomas Ford, the Porter, his fine shall be repaid.

The Steward shall summon before the Treasurer those gentlemen named in a schedule presented by him, who are in arrears for commons more than 3*l.*, and others whom Mr. Treasurer thinks fit. If they do not pay before the last Wednesday of this term, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit.

Parliament holden 5 Feb., 1674.

Mr. Francis Barrell, the Autumn Reader, is confirmed Reader for next Lent. —— are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Mr. Solicitor-General, Messrs. V. Bertie, G. Johnson, W. Whitlocke. *Latin.*

Stewards:—Messrs. G. Evelyn, W. Guavas, W. Lacy, H. Alnutt. *Latin.*

Mr. Barrell being next Lent Reader, has leave to transfer his chamber in the Churchyard with an assignment, and his nominee shall be admitted for life into the chamber immediately over it, fallen to the House by Mr. Toope's death.

Mr. Bertie will read in Lent next come twelvemonth.

Mr. J. Smith is fined 10*l.* for not reading. *Latin.*

If Mr. B. Pitt does not pay his fine and duties before next Friday, his chamber shall be seized. A copy of this order left at his chamber shall be sufficient notice.

The order touching the fines imposed on Mr. W. Tayleur shall be respited till the first Parliament of next term, on his forthwith paying his arrears of duties.

On Mr. R. Merrett's petition and payment of his fine he shall be readmitted to his chamber, and on payment of his duties he shall be repaid all but one mark of his fine.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to do as was done last year.

Mr. R. Offley shall pay all arrears of duties before Wednesday night, or his chamber shall be seized. He is required to execute the assignment in his chamber, according to ancient orders.

The committee about New Inn are desired to report on Wednesday next after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 10 Feb., 1674.

The Treasurer of New Inn shall be annually chosen by the ancients of that House. He must give security to be approved by the Treasurer of the Middle Temple for making a true account.

The proposals of the ancients of New Inn for a new building are referred to the former committee, or any two Masters of the Bench in town. They are desired to report at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 23 April, 1675.

Mr. James Smith's bond shall be put in suit for his fine of 10*l.* for not reading and his arrears of duties, unless they are paid before next Parliament.

Unless the fines and arrears of Messrs. W. Tayleur and B. Pitt are paid before next Parliament, their chambers shall be sold.

If Mr. R. Merrett does not pay his arrears of commons in a fortnight, his chamber shall be seized.

Mr. R. Offley of the Utter Bar may be admitted with an assignment into a chamber in the passage between Elme Court and Pumpe Court, for which he has contracted with Mr. G. Peirce, with a fine of 5*l.*

On report of the committee, the Masters of the Bench who are trustees shall make a lease to Mr. John Stone of several parcels of ground at New Inn to be built upon.

On Mr. R. Blakeston's petition to be restored to the Society and his chamber, leave is given to his father to sell his son's late chamber before the first Parliament of next term, on paying his son's arrears for duties.

Messrs. J. Vivian, H. Randall, H. Trenchard, W. Ettricke, W. Tryst, T. Isham, W. Coryton, G. Langton, S. Barker, J. Offley, E. Cooke, and D. Thornebury are proposed for the next call to the Bar.

Mr. Treasurer shall send to Mr. Chauncey to come up to the Bench table forthwith.

Parliament holden 14 May, 1675.

Mr. J. Smith shall have time till next Parliament to pay his fine, so as he forthwith pay his arrears of duties; otherwise, the former orders will be prosecuted,

Unless Mr. W. Tayleur's fines and duties are paid before next Parliament, his chamber shall be sold.

Mr. R. Merrett is required to attend their Masterships at next Parliament. Mr. Treasurer is desired to report about the alleged misdemeanour at the same time.

Mr. Bertie shall have the Bench Chamber in Little Court in possession of Mr. Serjeant Conyers. The disposal of other Bench Chambers is referred to next Parliament.

A roll of collection shall be made for the five Serjeants last called—North, Conyers, Calthorpe, Stephens, and Barrell—each member of the House to be taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.*, according to ancient custom.

Messrs. E. Waller, J. Angier, J. Wright, J. Vivian, H. Randall, H. Trenchard, W. Trist, T. Isham, W. Coryton, G. Langton, J. Offley, E. Cooke, first, and J. Raimond are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Messrs. W. Ettricke, S. Barker, D. Thornebury, G. North, and G. Russell are called of grace.

No person who practises as an attorney or common solicitor shall be called to the degree of the Utter Bar, unless after ceasing to practise he shall have continued the full time and performed the exercises required. No importunity shall prevail to break this order.

A charitable gift of 40*s.* shall be given to Humphrey Burton.

All the gentlemen of the Utter Bar are fined 3*s.* 4*d.* for neglecting to attend at this Parliament, according to custom and good order. A roll shall be forthwith made, Mr. J. Verney excepted, being the only person who attended.

Mr. R. Freeman having compounded his vacations and assignments, shall be repaid the 50*l.* deposited on his call to the Bar.

Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Mountagu, Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Proctor, Northey, Lechmere, Wallop, and Thursby, or any three, are appointed a committee to treat with Dr. Barebone, and report at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 4 June, 1675.

On the petition of Mr. James Smith of the Utter Bar, his fine for not reading and his arrears are referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. W. Tayleur's chamber is to be seized and sold.

The order that Mr. Bertie should have the Bench Chamber in Little Court is discharged, he being now a Serjeant and a Baron of the Exchequer.

Mr. Baron Bertie has leave to transfer his chamber in Elme Court with an assignment.

Mr. Serjeant Barrell has leave to transfer his chamber in the Churchyard to Mr. J. Viney with an assignment.

Mr. Serjeant Stephens has leave to transfer his part and Sir Miles Cooke's part of his chamber in Elme Court with an assignment to his kinsmen, Messrs. R. and N. Stephens.

Mr. Treasurer, Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Northey, Lechmere, Wallop, Collins, Hoskins, Edward Smith, and Thursby, or any three, are appointed a committee to treat with Dr. Barebone for the ground and chambers proposed to be built by him. Mr. Henry Barker is desired to be assistant to them. They are desired to take care that no chambers are built on the ground against the Bench garden westward, but above and below the garden. They are not to be higher than three pair of stairs. No houses of office or other annoyance shall be suffered within 26 feet of the Bench garden wall. The wall now bounding the Middle Temple ground from Essex Garden shall be acknowledged to be the right of this Society. No passage shall be granted him from any part of this Society's ground to his house. They are to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer is to make George Smith, milliner, a lease of the shop under the Great Gate on the east side, if he think fit.

The chambers of those gentlemen mentioned in the schedule presented by the Steward as in debt for commons and as having been summoned by Mr. Treasurer, shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. Mr. W. Tyler's chamber shall be seized for non-payment of duties.

Mr. J. Mill is required to execute the assignment in his chamber, according to ancient orders.

The Bench Chambers in possession of the Serjeants last called, shall be disposed of at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 18 June, 1675.

Francis Winnington, knt., chosen Reader for next Autumn, is confirmed. Messrs. Ettricke and Staples are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. G. Johnson, W. Whitlocke, J. Hoskins, T. Walcott. *Latin.*

Stewards:—Messrs. F. Head, T. Agar, W. Bagott, S. Reynolds. *Latin.*

Mr. J. Mill shall procure himself to be admitted into his chamber within ten days, on pain of 5*l.*

The disposing of the Bench Chambers in possession of the Serjeants is respited till the first Parliament of next term.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to confer with the Treasurer of the Inner Temple "about the things informed by the Clerk of the Temple Church."

The order of 17 June, 1664, that the Treasurer shall appoint the place and rates for burial-ground, etc., shall be revived, as much greater sums than the old established rates have been taken and no account given to the House. The Clerk of the Church shall give account to Mr. Treasurer what sums have been received since his Treasurership.

If the sum due from Mr. W. Tayleur for commons, duties, and fines be not paid before next Tuesday night, the order of last Parliament shall be executed.

Dr. Barbon having conveyed the inheritance of the ground to this Society, may dispose of the chambers to be erected by him for one life and two assignments. Their Masterships will permit a passage out of this Society's ground to the houses to be built in Essex Gardens as long as they think fit. The wall on which the door of the passage is to be fixed, shall be acknowledged as the right of this Society. The door and passage shall be subject to their orders.

Henry Wignell shall be given 40*s.*, "so as he give assurance to Mr. Treasurer to avoid the Temple."

Mr. John Stone and others of New Inn have leave to sue the covenant against Henry Peirson, carpenter, if he gives satisfaction to save the trustees of this House harmless.

No waterman shall come higher in the Lane than the plying stone to ply his fare. Those who do so, or make any clamour above their plying place, shall be punished. The Watergate shall be kept locked till after 6 A.M.

Adjourned till Wednesday night after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 23 June, 1675.

Mr. James Smith, on paying his duties on the rolls, shall be remitted his fine *pro non legendo*, and have liberty to come to the ancient table.

Daniel Fairecloth's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Bridget Roe shall have 20*s.* in regard of her husband's merits in the late fire.

Parliament holden 29 Oct., 1675.

Mr. George Johnson is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. William Whitlocke for next Autumn. *Latin.*

Mr. Johnson shall have the Bench Chamber in Bricke Court, late assigned to Mr. Serjeant Calthorpe. The disposition of the others shall be deferred till next Parliament.

Mr. W. Tayleur's chamber shall be seized and padlocked for non-payment of fines of twenty marks and five marks, and of arrears of duties. If he resists the execution of this order, he shall be expelled.

Unless gentlemen whose names are in the Steward's schedule, pay their arrears for commons before "Tuesday next come sennett," their chambers shall be seized, or bonds put in suit.

The order of last Parliament about the burial-ground is confirmed. The money received by the Doctor for burial-ground for last year, shall be deducted from his salary.

The order touching Mr. James Smith is continued till next Parliament.

Sir Francis Winnington, Solicitor-General, is chosen to succeed Mr. Rawlins as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Mr. T. Serjeant is proposed to be called to the Bar.

Mr. J. Mountagu may be admitted with an assignment to the chamber in Vine Court, for which he has contracted with Mr. F. Godolphin, who has spent much in bettering it, paying 20*l.* fine.

Mr. Reynolds' bond shall be put in suit for failing to pay 10*l.* as steward to Sir Francis Winnington in his reading.

Mr. H. Clarke's duties in arrear, about 15*l.*, shall be remitted, and 40*s.* given him in consequence of his losses.

Messrs. Michael Malett and Edward Birch are called to the Bench in order to their reading. Mr. Treasurer is to report their answer to-day fortnight.

Parliament holden by adjournment 12 Nov., 1675.

The chamber of Mr. W. Tayleur, jun., shall be again padlocked up. If he or his father use the chamber or resist the execution of this order before his fines and duties are paid, he shall be expelled.

Mr. E. Byrch shall have time to answer about his call to the Bench till the first Parliament of next term. If he refuse, there shall be another call *tunc pro nunc*.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to send for the glazier, and inquire concerning the breaking of the windows in divers chambers.

Mr. Ludlow's case about the forfeiture of last vacation is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Acknowledgment by Dr. Richard Ball, in pursuance of an order of 28 Jan., 1675,* that he makes no claim to the burial-ground in the Temple Church and round on the side of the Middle Temple, but that the right thereof belongs to the Middle Temple. 3 Feb., 1675. *Signed*:—Richard Ball. Witnesse, Tho: Griffin.

Parliament holden 26 Nov., 1675.

No gaming Christmas shall be kept. The allowance shall be 24*l*. The Gate shall be shut at 9 P.M. This order shall be fixed on the screen.

Messrs. Mountagu, Proctor, Northey, Lechmere, Wallop, and Collins, or any three, are appointed a committee for auditing Mr. Treasurer's account.

Mr. W. Tayleur is expelled, and his chamber shall be sold.

Mr. T. Sergeant is called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Mr. Rawlins has leave to transfer with an assignment the chamber fallen to the House by Mr. Dickenson's death.

Mr. Wallop shall have the Bench Chamber in Little Court in possession of Mr. Serjeant Conyers; Mr. Ettricke that in possession of Mr. Wallop; Mr. Whitlocke that late assigned to Mr. Serjeant Stephens; Mr. Hoskins that in the Garden Buildings in possession of Mr. Ettricke; and Mr. Walcott that under the Hall in possession of Mr. Serjeant Barrell.

A charitable gift of 40*s*. shall be given to Humphrey Burton.

The gentlemen of the Utter Bar are fined 3*s*. 4*d*. each for neglecting to attend this Parliament, except Mr. J. Verney.

* See p. 1294.

Parliament holden 28 Jan., 1675.

The last Treasurer's account is allowed.

The order fining the gentlemen of the Utter Bar is discharged.

Messrs. Mountagu, Northey, Wallop, Rawlins, Collins, and Thursby, or any three, are appointed a committee to look into Dr. Barbon's title to the ground late Essex Garden, and to prepare a conveyance of the fee of what is now built on and intended for chambers for this Society, according to the articles between Dr. Barbon and the Society. They are also to consider where to make a passage out of Essex Court to the chambers being built by Dr. Barbon.

Messrs. Northey, Ettricke, Hoskins, Edward Smith, and Thursby, or any three, are appointed a committee to consider what is necessary to be done for support of the Hall, to consult Mr. Barker, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. John Ryther's petition is referred to Messrs. Northey, Collins, and Edward Smith, or any two. They are desired to send for Mr. T. Manley of the Utter Bar to mediate between them, and if they can make no end, to report at next Parliament.

No monument shall henceforth be erected in the Temple Church on the Middle Temple side without the Treasurer's leave.

On Mr. H. Clarke's petition, 40*s.* shall be given him in charity, and his arrears for commons be discharged.

The fine of Thomas Blundell, a Puisne Butler, shall be decreased from 40*s.* to 20*s.*

Dr. Ball shall be given 11*l.* for his acknowledgment of the Society's right in the burial-ground. He shall give a receipt for it.

Parliament holden 11 Feb., 1675.

Mr. George Johnson, chosen Reader for next Lent, is confirmed. Mr. Staples and Sir Francis Winnington, Solicitor-General, are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. W. Whitlocke, T. Walcott, E. Smith, T. Smith. *Latin.*

Stewards:—J. Whitmore, Sir H. Calverley, T. Tremwith, J. Hervey. *Latin.*

Gentlemen appointed to stand at the Cupboard in the readings, shall attend in person.

Mr. Ogilby shall have three "ginnys" for his book of maps presented to the Library.

The officers' petitions are referred to Mr. Treasurer, to do as last year.

On the surrender by Richard Antrobus of his lease of a shop on the west side of the Great Gate towards Fleet Street, a new lease shall be made to John Carr, reserving the present rent, for twenty-one years, if he and his son, Robert, live so long.

Mr. W. Ettricke has leave to transfer his chamber over the Great Gate with an assignment.

The committee appointed to look into Dr. Barbon's title to the ground late Essex Garden, is continued.

Mr. E. Byrch is fined 10*l.* for not reading. *Latin.*

Messrs. John Parsons and Robert Offley are called to the Bench in order to their reading, and desired to give their answer before Friday night, so that if either refuse, the Benchers may consider another call.

Adjourned till Friday night.

Parliament holden 14 April, 1676.

The committee to look into Dr. Barbon's title to Essex Garden is continued. They are desired to treat with Mr. Plouden about the price of his chamber in Essex Court, to make a passage to the chambers now building there.

Mr. J. Parsons is fined 10*l.* for not reading. *Latin.*

There being a great failure in coming to the Bench by ancients of the Bar lately called, a fine of 50*l.* shall be imposed on those who refuse.

As long as any Masters of the Bench continue in commons in the Hall or Parliament Chamber, their clerks may be in commons in the buttery at 4*s.* a week each. The overcharge lately set upon some of the Masters for their clerks shall be put in apparells and cast into commons next week.

Mr. William Pawlett is called to the Bench in order to his reading.

The petition of Daniel Fairecloth and other under officers is referred to Mr. Treasurer to do as in Lent vacation, 1673.

The disposing of vacant Bench Chambers is respited till next Parliament.

Mr. M. Davys is proposed to be called to the Bar.

The chambers of gentlemen in debt for commons shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit, unless they pay within a week after notice. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 5 May, 1676.

The committee about Dr. Barbon's title is desired to see the conveyance from him in pursuance of his articles perfected.

Mr. Proctor shall have the Bench Chamber in Vine Court, now in possession of the Lord Chief Baron. The disposal of Mr. Proctor's and other Bench Chambers, is respited till next Parliament.

Messrs. J. Somer, H. Hetherington, J. Leach, J. Freke, C. Barton, and P. Brougton are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Messrs. M. Davys, F. Plouden, and R. Dobbins are called of grace.

The call of Messrs. E. Sabbs, J. Harrison, R. Waddon, and T. Adye is respited till the first Parliament of next term. Mr. Treasurer is desired to inform himself concerning them meanwhile. Mr. T. Brough is also proposed.

The order of 30 April, 1669, that vacation commons shall be kept according to ancient orders and not be dispensed with nor abridged by any Reader or others, shall be revived. It shall be fixed on the screen in the grand weeks before readings.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to report at next Parliament how moots and exercises in the Hall have lately been performed.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to confer with the Treasurer of the Inner Temple about new paving Middle Temple Lane and setting up a post at the Great Gate towards Fleet Street.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Northey, Collins, Thursby, and Offley, or any three, are appointed a committee to consider of altering the Bench seats in the Church.

The Under-Treasurer is to take the most effectual means to get in the many years' arrears of commons from Irish gentlemen named in a schedule presented by the Steward, who have gone to their own country.

A door from a woodmonger's yard in the ground late Essex Garden into the lower garden of the House shall be walled up.

Parliament holden 26th May, 1676.

The committee to prepare a conveyance from Dr. Barbon is to see it perfected.

The disposal of the vacant Bench Chambers is respited till next Parliament.

Messrs. E. Sabbs, J. Harrison, R. Waddon, T. Ady, and T. Brough are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

In pursuance of ancient practice, no more moots than one shall be performed in the same night by gentlemen under the Bar. Any more performed shall not be accounted an exercise, nor be recorded by the officer in the moot book, on pain of losing his place.

If gentlemen named in a schedule presented by the Steward as in arrears for commons more than 3*l.* do not pay before "Saturday next come sennett," their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

The order about paving Middle Temple Lane and setting up a post is continued.

In regard of the low condition of Mr. H. Clarke, an ancient member, and on request of the gentlemen of the House, he shall be allowed to take his commons in the buttery while commons are kept in the Hall, and when there are no commons there, 5*s.* a week shall be paid him.

Mr. W. Tayleur shall be restored and readmitted to his chamber on his petition promising to be conformable to orders for the future, and on paying what is due from him and giving a new bond.

The committee about the Hall are desired to take another view of it with workmen, and to report on Saturday week after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 3 June, 1676.

On report of the committee, the defects and decays of the south-west corner of the Hall and south bay window shall be repaired this summer. The committee are to consider how it shall be done and the expense, and to report at next Parliament. That there may be no interruption, Mr. Whitlock's reading shall be put off till next Lent. The Under-Treasurer shall give him notice of it.

Parliament holden 9 June, 1676.

Mr. Ettricke shall have the Bench Chamber in Bricke Court, now in Mr. Proctor's possession; Mr. Whitlocke that in Little Court in Mr. Wallop's possession; Mr. Edward Smith that in the Garden Buildings in Mr. Ettricke's possession; Mr. Thomas Smith that in Essex Court late assigned to Mr. Whitlocke.

The Under-Treasurer is required to desire Mr. Serjeant Conyers to remove or quit the Bench Chamber where he now is, before Michaelmas.

It is referred to the former committee to consider how the passage should be made from Essex Court through Mr. Plouden's late chamber to the new buildings, and to see it done; also taking down the wall and the trees before the new building in the lower garden. If the committee approves the altering of the passage at the north-west end of the Hall, as desired by Dr. Barbon, they may have it done at his charge. The committee is desired to procure Mr. Gape to seal the conveyances made to the Society by Dr. Barbon.

Sir Henry Calverley's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The repairing of the window and securing the foundation at the south-west end of the Hall with other things requisite, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, Sir Peter Ball, Messrs. Proctor, Northey, Wallop, Collins, Thomas Smith, and Offley, or any three Masters tarrying in town, Mr. Treasurer to be one. They are desired to see it done substantially and for the honour of the House, and to desire the assistance of Messrs. Barker and Packer.

The Under-Treasurer is to desire Mr. Serjeant Barrell to remove his goods from the Bench Chamber where he now is, before next circuit.

Middle Temple Lane shall be new paved this summer, the Inner Temple joining in the charge.

Mr. Treasurer is to see Mr. Johnson, the last Reader, paid 20*l.* for Sir H. Calverley and T. Tremwith, his stewards, and to have their bonds put in suit.

Daniell Faircloth and Humphrey Burton shall have 40*s.* each.

Mr. C. Bertie may transfer his chamber with an assignment, paying a fine.

This next vacation shall continue "to the last seale."

The Porter is required to attend on Tuesday night after supper, to which time this Parliament is adjourned.

Parliament holden by adjournment 13 June, 1676.

The petition of Alexander Wilkinson, one of the Butlers, is recommended to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Pinsent's proposals, with the articles of the ancients of New Inn, are referred to the committee for repairing the Hall, who are desired to view the ground to be built on.

Parliament holden 27 Oct., 1676.

Mr. William Whitlocke is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Thomas Walcott for next Summer. *Latin.*

The Barristers required to keep vacations are dispensed with for the last week of the last vacation.

Calling up to the Bench is referred to next Parliament.

Mr. Anthony Collins is chosen to succeed Sir Francis Winnington, Solicitor-General, as Treasurer, at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Unless gentlemen presented in a schedule by the Steward as in arrears for commons 40*s.* or more, pay within a fortnight, their chambers will be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order shall be fixed on the screen.

The chambers of Messrs. R. Pencell, R. Merrett, S. Ward, A. Devereux, T. Hooper, and F. Low shall be padlocked up for their arrears of commons.

The order made 26 May, 1676, concerning Mr. W. Tayleur shall be discharged and his chamber be sold, unless the order be performed by him in a fortnight.

On the petition of John Lucas, stationer, that no one of his trade might have the shop erected by some builder under Dr. Barbon and opening into New Court; Messrs. Northey, Wallop, the Treasurer elect, Ettricke, and Edward Smith, or any two, are appointed a committee to view the shop, to discourse with Dr. Barbon, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. R. Blakeston's petition is respited till next Parliament.

The gateway leading into the lower garden shall be removed and set in the middle of the ground. The choice of trees to be cut down is referred to Mr. Treasurer elect.

Parliament holden 24 Nov., 1676.

Mr. W. Tayleur's chamber shall be sold, but he shall be restored again to the Society at the earnest instance of his father, but to give a new bond before coming into commons.

The order on John Lucas's petition is continued.

After a full debate, Mr. R. Blakeston shall not be restored, but his father has leave to sell his chamber before the last Parliament in Easter Term.

Messrs. Northey, Lechmere, Wallop, Walcott, E. Smith, and Thursby, or any three, are appointed to audit Mr. Treasurer's account.

Mr. T. Lake shall have an assignment on his admission to Mr. C. Izard's chamber in Vine Court, paying a fine.

Mr. James Smith's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

T. Manley's widow shall have 5*l.* given her.

Discharges for the duties and commons due from Messrs. W. Usher, A. Hoveden, O. Carroll, S. Maynard, R. Pyne, J. Donelan, D. Hodson, J. Plunkett, R. Burke, and F. Sarsfield shall be signed by the Under-Treasurer and Steward and sent into Ireland to Mr. Drake, who is employed to recover the said duties, and has written to Mr. Solicitor-General that he hopes to do so by this means.

The Under-Treasurer shall desire Mr. Serjeant Conyers to quit his Bench Chamber within ten days after the end of this term.

Mr. G. Johnson, jun., has leave to transfer his chamber in Elme Court with an assignment.

No gaming Christmas shall be kept. The allowance shall be 24*l.* The Great Gate shall be shut at 9 P.M. This order shall be fixed on the screen on Monday.

Parliament holden 26 Jan., 1676.

The account of Sir Francis Winnington, Solicitor-General, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

The order for Mr. W. Tayleur's restoration means that after his chamber is sold, he must pay the remains of his arrears before being restored.

The remaining part of the chamber lately purchased of Mr. Plowden for a passage out of Essex Court into New Court shall be annexed *gratis* to the chamber of Mr. Barker, an associate of the Bench, as their Masterships' respect to him.

A gift of 10*l.* 10*s.* shall be paid to Dr. Ball.

As the buildings lately erected by Dr. Barbon towards the lower garden overhang and have many cracks in them, the former committee is to appoint two workmen to meet workmen

appointed by Dr. Barbon, to view the buildings whether they are substantially done according to his articles, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to take away the piers and steps leading out of the Bench garden into the lower walks, to wall it up answerable to that side of the garden, and to sell the materials of the steps and piers; also to sell two gilt bowls, old and unserviceable, and one silver flagon.

Mr. Proctor's Bench Chambers over the Cloister shall be consolidated.

Daniel Fairecloth shall have 20*s.* given him.

If gentlemen mentioned in a schedule presented by the Steward as in arrears for commons more than 40*s.* do not pay before next Parliament, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 9 Feb., 1676.

Mr. William Whitlocke, chosen Reader for next Lent, is confirmed. Francis Winnington, knt., Solicitor-General, and Mr. Johnson are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. E. Walcott, E. Smith T. Smith, W. Thursby. *Latin.*

Stewards:—Messrs. H. Goold, E. Saunders, E. Jackson, W. Glanvill. *Latin.*

The committee to consider the defects in Dr. Barbon's buildings is continued. Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Proctor, Wallop, and Rawlins are added to it.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Northey, Wallop, Rawlins, and Edward Smith, or any three, are appointed a committee to confer with the Inner Temple concerning new paving Middle Temple Lane and restraining hackney coaches from molesting both Societies.

As the Steward's schedule shows that there are many sums under 40*s.* due for many years and never likely to be had but by suit, the bonds of these gentlemen shall be forthwith put in suit. Mr. Treasurer shall give notice to them or their sureties if he can.

The chambers of divers gentlemen who have often been called upon for arrears of pensions, absent commons, and other duties, and have not paid, most of them not having

even attended Mr. Treasurer, shall be forthwith seized, or their bonds put in suit.

Mr. Johnson shall have the Bench Chamber in Little Court, late in Mr. Wallop's possession; and Mr. Whitlocke that in Brick Court, late in Mr. Johnson's possession.

On John Young's petition for some allowance for having, by Mr. Wallop's command, put up many more candles in the passages than formerly, 30*s.* is paid him for the past, and his salary shall be increased 10*s.* a year.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

On Mr. J. Offley's complaint, Mr. J. Playford, clerk of the Temple Church, is ordered to attend Mr. Treasurer to show why some persons have been buried in the north Churchyard without leave of the Bench.

Parliament holden 4 May, 1677.

The committee about Dr. Barbon's buildings is continued. They are desired to report at next Parliament.

The order for paving Middle Temple Lane and restraining hackney coaches is continued. The committee is desired to confer with the Benchers of the Inner Temple, and to report at next Parliament.

The petition of Anne Stratfeild is referred to Mr. Treasurer. By subtile contrivance of certain persons she was drawn to lend to Mr. William King 20*l.*, which, being a poor maid-servant, she had laboured hard to get. Mr. King had an assignment in his chamber to which one Mrs. Cheshire pretends a title, but she cannot enjoy it without their Masterships' licence. She begs their mediation with Mrs. Cheshire to share with her in the chamber in proportion to her debt, as Mrs. Cheshire's claim is in great part by legacy, and she helped to draw her in.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to take order about Mr. J. Offley's complaint.

The order of 30 April, 1669, that vacation commons shall be kept and continued according to ancient orders, is revived. The Under Treasurer is to acquaint every Reader with this order at the beginning of his reading.

The names of Messrs. T. Ward, S. Broughton, F. Porter, W. Bennett, J. Halcott, T. Lechmere, J. Gibson, B. Jeoffryes, M. Randyll, and W. Gulston are proposed for the call to the Bar.

Mr. J. Verney has leave to deposit 100*l.* in lieu of having a chamber upon his being proposed for the Bar. He must procure himself to be admitted into a chamber of that value within a twelvemonth, when the deposit will be returned.

Parliament holden 25 May, 1677.

Mr. Playford, the Clerk, shall be allowed 10*s.* towards levelling and making handsome the north Churchyard, and he should apply to the Inner Temple for their part.

Messrs. J. Verney, J. Washington, R. Tash, W. Glanvill, C. Godolphin, J. Viney, T. Ward, M. Randyll, B. Jeoffryes, T. Lechmere, J. Halcott, W. Bennett, W. Gulston, S. Broughton, J. Childe, and F. Porter are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Mr. R. Trescott is called of grace.

Mr. Thomas Medlicott is called to the Bench in order to his reading. He and others refusing to come to the Bench on their call, if afterwards they do come to the Bench, shall have seniority from their coming to the Bench, not from their admission into the House.

Henry Chilton's petition touching a shop under the arch of the Temple Church in the passage from the Cloisters to Inner Temple Lane, is referred to Messrs. Thursby, Offley, and Pawlett, or any two, to examine the House's interest in the shop, and to a stationer's shop over against it now in possession of one Penn, and to a little shed lately erected by the north Churchyard; to ascertain their value, and to report at next Parliament.

The petition of Mr. Collins, the stationer, for a new lease of his shop, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. John Leithwicke has leave to enlarge his shop at the south-west end of the Hall and to make it uniform with the buttery, but not to build too high. A lease shall be granted him for twenty-one years at his present rent.

Mr. C. Hancocke has leave to read at New Inn by deputy.

On the Porter's petition, as Smith, the tenant at will of a shop under the Great Gate, of which the rent has been part of the Porter's salary, has discontinued the use of his shop and is behind in rent, the shop shall be seized and let to any tenant the Porter can find. Mr. Treasurer shall help him in getting his arrears.

Mr. Thomas Walcott's reading is dispensed with till next Lent.

The proposals of Mr. Barker and Mr. Staples for rebuilding the west side of Essex Court, and the petitions of Mr. J. Mill and Mr. J. Acton, are referred to the committee for Dr. Barbon's buildings or any other Masters, to consider what ground can be added to enlarge the building, to consider any articles for former buildings, and to report on Thursday next at 3 P.M. Dr. Barbon shall have notice that he may make proposals about making the buildings by the lower garden substantial. They will also consider the last order for paving the lane.

Parliament holden 15 June, 1677.

Mr. E. Cooke is proposed to be called to the Bar.

On report of the committee, after the end of this term the old buildings on the west side of Essex Court shall be pulled down and rebuilt. Mr. Treasurer, Mr. Solicitor, Messrs. Proctor, Northey, Lechmere, Wallop, Staples, Johnson, Whitlocke, Walcott, E. Smith, T. Smith, Thursby, and Offley, or any five, Mr. Treasurer to be one, are appointed a committee to consider how matters may be accommodated between the persons concerned, and to report at next Parliament.

On report of the committee, a committee shall be appointed to-morrow at the Bench table to confer with the Inner Temple for preserving this Society's interest in the two shops and the shed.

Mr. A. Turnor is granted an assignment in his chamber in Pumpe Court, for 20*l.* fine.

Parliament holden 29 June, 1677.

On report of the committee about the shops by the Church, that the Inner Temple had only generally asserted their right, a free conference is desired with them to-morrow. The Under-Treasurer and Clerk are required to attend.

A committee shall be named at the Bench table to-morrow to confer with the Benchers of the Inner Temple about beautifying the Temple Church and altering the seats there, and a model should be drawn. The same committee is desired to treat about paving Middle Temple Lane next vacation. Parliament is adjourned till Thursday after supper.

The committee for the new building in Essex Court agree that the building should be joined on the east side to the toothing left in Agar's building, to go straight down to the

Bench garden wall; on the west side to go seven feet into New Court according to the articles with Dr. Barbon; at the north side of the new building an "aiery" to be left, as now; the height of the building to be three pair of stairs. The building shall proceed in accordance with their report, and a scheme presented therewith.

Mr. F. Row's complaint of encroachments in his outer chamber by his chamber-fellow is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. E. Cooke is called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Mr. F. Drake may transfer his chamber in Middle Temple Lane with an assignment to Mr. C. Whitlocke, the latter paying twenty marks' fine.

Mr. J. Parson's petition is referred to the committee appointed for the building in Essex Court.

On the petition of Mr. W. Tayleur, whose chamber has been sold for 35*l.*, he shall be restored on paying 40*s.* and giving a new bond.

The order on the petition of Mr. Stone of New Inn shall stand.

Unless Mr. T. Row, whose chamber has been several times seized for arrears, pays within a month, his chamber shall be sold for payment thereof and the overplus returned to him. Leaving a copy of this order with his brother, who is his chamber-fellow, shall be sufficient notice.

The trustees of the soil of the Society and of Scales Inn, the gift of Charles Cocks, esq., being mostly dead, Mr. Treasurer is to have conveyances for both trusts prepared, that the trustees may transfer their right and title to all the Masters of the Bench who have been Readers, and to get the conveyance executed as soon as may be.

The next vacation shall continue for a fortnight after the end of the reading week.

Parliament holden by adjournment 5 July, 1677.

The committee having reported that the Inner Temple was ready to join in beautifying the Church and paving Middle Temple Lane, the model for the seats is approved of with these alterations: that the communion table do remain as now it is, to be removed into the body of the Church upon administration of the Sacrament. The walls on both sides of the Church to be left free without seats, but wainscotted to a convenient

height. The care of doing it is specially recommended to Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Northey, and Mr. Barker is desired to assist. The lane shall be new paved this vacation.

Parliament holden 26 Oct., 1677.

Mr. Thomas Walcott is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Edward Smith for next Autumn. *Latin.*

Mr. Solicitor is desired to move the Court of King's Bench for the restitution of William Chilton, violently turned out of one of the shops by the Church. Masters of the Bench attending that Court are desired to assist him.

A committee shall be named at the Bench table to-morrow to confer with the Inner Temple about paving the lane.

The order on Mr. C. Whitlocke's petition is continued till next Parliament.

The 40*s.* required of Mr. W. Taylour is remitted, but he must give a new bond.

The petition of Henry Peirson, carpenter, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Proctor, Ettricke, E. Smith, and T. Smith, or any two, to call the parties before them, with the ancients of New Inn, and end the differences; or to report at next Parliament.

The transferring of the trusts shall be moved again the first Parliament in Easter Term.

Mr. Blakeston's petition is referred to next Parliament.

Unless Mr. E. Maplisden pays before next Parliament his fifteen years' arrears of pensions and other duties, which he has never paid since admitted, and also of commons eaten in Hall, he shall be expelled. Notice shall be given him of this order.

Mr. Alexander Staples is chosen to succeed Mr. Collins as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term, with a *salvo jure* to Mr. Ettricke.

If gentlemen mentioned in a schedule presented by the Steward as owing 40*s.* for commons, do not pay before next Parliament, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Adjourned to to-day week.

Parliament holden by adjournment 2 Nov., 1677.

Messrs. Alexander Denton and John Verney are called to the Bench in order to their reading. The calling of Mr. R. Dobbins is to be further considered at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 23 Nov., 1677.

The order concerning the shops is continued. The former committee is desired to send to the Inner Temple for an answer to their proposal about the shops and the paving of Middle Temple Lane.

Mr. R. Blakeston is restored, but must give a new bond.

The order for expelling E. Maplisden is confirmed.

Messrs. Proctor, Northey, Wallop, Ettricke, Walcott, and Edward Smith, or any three, are appointed to audit Mr. Treasurer's account.

Messrs. A. Denton and J. Verney shall have time to answer about their call to the Bench till the first Parliament of next term.

The committee for the buildings on the west side of Essex Court is continued. An order of the committee concerning Mr. Waller, and the petitions of Alexander Wilkinson and others, are to be considered by the committee, and reported on at next Parliament.

Mr. Thomas Medlicott having come up to the Bench, shall be repaid his fine of 10*l.*

Mr. Johnson shall have the Bench Chamber in Brick Court now in possession of Mr. Serjeant Rawlins, and Mr. Thursby that in Little Court now in Mr. Johnson's possession.

Mr. Edward Smith has leave to transfer his chamber in Elme Court with an assignment, on depositing on his own offer 100*l.* till he has performed his reading.

On the petition of Walter Smith, Steward, to be dismissed before Hilary Term, the auditors of Mr. Treasurer's accounts, or any three, are appointed to take his accounts.

Mr. Thomas Trott is chosen and confirmed Steward from Hilary Term. He is to give security.

The Porter shall be paid 5*l.* to recompense him for his loss of half a year's rent from his shop under the Gate. Any three Masters of the Bench are to consider whether the shop shall be taken away or how it may be best ordered, and to report at next Parliament.

On Mr. W. Coryton's petition that the staircase where his chamber is in Middle Temple Lane is so much out of repair that it is dangerous, and he cannot persuade the gentlemen concerned to contribute; the staircase shall be repaired and the proprietors of chambers thereon shall contribute as Mr. Treasurer shall assess.

No gaming Christmas shall be kept. The allowance shall be 24*l.* The Great Gate shall be shut at 9 P.M. This order shall be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 25 Jan., 1677.

The account of Mr. Collins, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

Mr. Henry Collins of the Utter Bar shall have an assignment granted him in his chamber in Essex Court.

Mr. A. Denton is fined 50*l.* for not reading. *Latin.*

On report of the committee, Mr. John Bland shall have leave to let a little shop lately erected, opening into New Court, between the buildings on the west side of Essex Court and one Whitfeild's house, to Robert Groome, now tenant of the shop, for as long as he resides there; but neither of them may let it to any other without leave.

The matters concerning Messrs. Waller and Mills shall be reported at next Parliament.

Mr. Ettricke shall have the Bench Chamber in Bricke Court, late assigned to Mr. Johnson, now in possession of Mr. Serjeant Rawlins; and Mr. Johnson that in Bricke Court in possession of Mr. Ettricke.

Mr. William King's executors shall execute the assignment in his chamber before Easter Term to a person approved by Mr. Treasurer, but not to Mr. E. Stisted.

Robert Osborne shall be given 20*s.* for his service in the cellar.

The accounts of Mr. Walter Smith, late Steward, are approved.

Mr. Wallop is desired to move the Court of King's Bench on Tuesday next, upon the affidavit of William Chilton and his wife, for the restitution of possession to certain shops by the Church. Mr. Solicitor and other Masters who attend that Court are desired to assist. Mr. Treasurer is to give notice to the Treasurer of the Inner Temple.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Ettricke, Johnson, Offley, and Pawlett,

or any three, are appointed a committee to give or receive propositions from the Inner Temple for beautifying the Church and altering the seats, and to report at next Parliament.

Messrs. Proctor, Northey, Lechmere, Collins, Ettricke, and Edward Smith, or any three, are appointed a committee to view the buildings lately erected by Dr. Barbon in the lower garden, whether they are substantially done according to his articles; also to consider of taking down the doorway and enlarging the passage out of Hall Court towards the said buildings, and to report at next Parliament. Mr. Barker is desired to assist.

Parliament holden 8 Feb., 1677.

Mr. Thomas Walcott, chosen Reader for next Lent, is confirmed. Messrs. Johnson and Whitlocke are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. E. Smith, T. Smith, W. Thursby, H. Chauncy. *Latin.*

Stewards:—Messrs. J. Calthorpe, C. Hancocke, H. Gough, G. Palmer. *Latin.*

Mr. Edward Smith's reading is put off till Lent twelvemonth.

Mr. A. Denton's fine of 50*l.* for not reading shall be repaid. He shall have till the last Parliament of Easter Term to come up to the Bench, and his fine shall be considered then. Notice shall be given him of this order.

The chambers of Messrs. J. Mill and J. Acton in the new buildings in Essex Court shall be consolidated, and Mr. Mill admitted with three assignments.

Mr. E. Waller in recompense for the damage done to his chamber by the new building, shall have a second assignment. The room next to the "aiery," and darkened by the new building, shall be painted a light colour at the charge of the House.

The petition of Henry Jones, watchmaker, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

As the Inner Temple agree to refer the right of this Society to certain shops by the Church and the turning out of William Chilton to Lord Chief Justice Rainsford and Lord Chief Justice North; Messrs. Northey, Lechmere, and any other Masters whom Mr. Treasurer shall desire, are appointed to assist him in the business.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to prevent any damage to the chambers of this Society by the intended new buildings in Hare Court.

The orders for beautifying the Church and viewing the buildings in the lower garden, are continued till next Parliament.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden 19 April, 1678.

Mr. Treasurer, with Mr. Johnson or any other Master whom he shall choose, is desired to examine how the title to the ground of both Temples has been transferred since King James' grant, to consider in whom it is at present, and, if they think fit, to give directions for delivering ejectments to the tenants in possession of certain shops by the Church. They are desired to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to view Dr. Barbon's buildings in the lower garden, whether they are substantial, according to the articles; and to report at next Parliament.

The transfer of the trusts of the Society's ground and of Scales Inn shall be considered at next Parliament.

The committee for new building in Essex Court is continued. The petition of the bricklayer and carpenter is referred to them, to report at next Parliament.

Edward Norman's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Unless gentlemen mentioned in a schedule presented by the Steward as in arrears of 40*s.* for commons, pay forthwith, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Messrs. M. Noble, B. Entwisle, M. Smith, W. Leigh, R. Ward, A. Brodricke, J. Wilson, and J. Gibson are proposed to be called to the Bar.

Parliament holden 10 May, 1678.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Lechmere, Wallop, Ettricke, E. Smith, and T. Smith, or any two Masters, are appointed a committee to consider in whom the title to the ground is, and to give directions for delivering ejectments to the tenants of shops by the Church; and to report at next Parliament.

The order for transferring the trusts is continued.

On report of the committee, Messrs. J. Scudamore, J.

Rashleigh, and J. Verney shall pay 117*l.* each as their proportion for the new buildings in Essex Court. No proprietor shall be admitted into a chamber in the new buildings on the west side of Essex Court till he has paid his proportion. The proposals made on 24 May, 1677, and agreed to on 29 June, 1677, shall be entered in the Book of Orders, and hereby confirmed.

Proposals for pulling down and rebuilding the old buildings in Essex Court, 24 May, 1677.

The persons concerned in each staircase shall undertake the building each staircase severally, the brick party wall to be at the equal charge of both.

Both staircases shall be built alike with brick and adorned with stone like Dr. Barbon's building, and not more than four stories besides cellars.

The building shall be begun immediately after Trinity Term, and the outside finished and covered, and the scaffolds removed before Michaelmas Term.

Every one shall have his chambers in the same place and story in the new building as in the old, unless he agrees otherwise.

Every one shall pay his proportion according to the dimension of his chamber within the walls, and the cellars to be divided by like proportion.

Any difference between the builders touching their proportions or division of chambers, shall be determined by the Masters of the Bench or such as they shall appoint.

The builders may divide or enlarge their chambers as they see cause and can agree, so as there are as many chambers in each staircase as now.

The builders in the lower staircase shall make a good passage where it is now, paved with stone and as broad and as much higher as the height of one story will allow, with a stone arch at each end, the walls on each side to be brick and "praistered."

For encouragement of builders, the Masters of the Bench will grant one life and two assignments in each chamber, the first life to be admitted *gratis*, and 40*s.* fine on each assignment. The builders shall have the benefit of all the chambers and cellars for their charges, and twelve months to dispose of them, with power to admit themselves or any other of the Society with one life and two assignments within that time.

At Mr. Barker's desire, the chambers on the whole floor up one pair of stairs in the staircase at the south end of the buildings, and the remaining little part of a chamber, out of which the passage into New Court is taken, shall be consolidated.

The chambers and floors, one and two pair of stairs high, on the north side of the staircase, at the north end of the building, are to be one Bench Chamber, as in the old building. Mr. Treasurer shall have them.

The chambers late of Mr. J. Lawrence and Mr. H. Perrott shall be consolidated to advance the sale, if Mr. Treasurer see cause.

Messrs. T. Lake, W. Fleetwood, N. Still, G. Ligon, A. Brodricke, R. Ward, H. Ludlow, H. Poley, W. Leigh, M. Smith, B. Beale, J. Wilson, M. Noble, W. Hancocke, J. Grove, J. Radford, F. Tyton, B. Entwisle, W. Cherrey, J. Gibson, and T. Hooper are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Mr. A. Denton having been called to the Bench, shall have till the first Parliament of next term to give his answer.

Mr. W. Johnson, on the surrender of his brother, Mr. G. Johnson, is admitted into his chamber in Elme Court with an assignment, with leave to transfer it with an assignment.

Mr. W. Bennett's fine upon his "failer" of an exercise is remitted.

Proposals presented at this Parliament, and agreed upon by the gentlemen of the Four Inns of Court appointed to remedy the disorders and great expense of readings.

The King has taken into consideration the great expense of reading in the Inns of Court, and has signified his pleasure by the Lord Chancellor and Judges, that no Reader, not of His Majesty's Council or Recorder of London, should spend more than 300*l.* The Inns of Court have therefore agreed: 1. That no Reader shall give livery to more than two, and those to attend his person. 2. No public entertainment or exceedings shall be given before the Monday on which the reading shall begin, except wine and biscuits on Sunday morning before he goes to Church. 3. Every reading shall finish on the next Friday at 11 o'clock. During the reading there shall be only two grand days, except when the reading begins before Circuit. There shall be only two courses on grand days. 4. On other days no one shall be permitted to dine in the Hall

except members of the Society in their gowns. There shall be but one course at the Reader's table, and neither breakfast nor supper at the Reader's charge during the reading. 5. No wine shall be brought into Hall in bottles during the reading, nor drinking glasses used in the Hall, except at the Reader's table. The Reader's cellars shall be shut when he rises from dinner. 6. The exceedings in the Halls shall be such as the Benchers shall appoint.

These proposals are approved and established.

Adjourned till next Tuesday night.

Parliament holden by adjournment 14 May, 1678.

Vacation Barristers and other gentlemen in commons in the three last vacations have at their pleasure varied from the commons, whereby apparells are increased contrary to orders and to the great offence of the whole body, it being unreasonable for them to pay for others' excess. It is therefore ordered that a moiety of the surplusage above 7*s.* a man a week for every vacation week since the end of Trinity Term last, be cast weekly upon the vacation Barristers and other gentlemen in commons; and the Steward shall make a roll thereof and collect it as other commons. In future, if vacation Barristers or others vary from the commons, the whole surplusage above 7*s.* a man shall be cast upon those in commons, and no apparells allowed. The auditors and casters up of commons in the first week or half week of every term shall inspect the weekly commons of the preceding vacation, and give an account thereof to the next Parliament. The Steward must acquaint the auditors and casters up from time to time with this order. The Cook and other officers must not provide or dress any commons but the commons of the House, on pain of a deduction of 20*s.* from their wages, and losing their places. This order shall be fixed on the screen next term.

Parliament holden 31 May, 1678.

The orders about the title to the ground and transferring the trusts is continued.

The order about Mr. A. Denton is continued.

On the petition of Mary Petty for some gratuity for Lent vacation, and to be allowed for scouring the plate trenchers, she shall have the plate trenchers for her pains.

Parliament holden 14 June, 1678.

The order for considering the title to the ground and for transferring the trusts, is continued.

Middle Temple Lane shall be new paved next vacation.

Mr. Treasurer and other Benchers whom he desires are appointed a committee to consider with the Treasurer and Benchers of the Inner Temple about beautifying the Church and altering the seats. They shall first agree upon a model.

Mr. A. Denton must give his answer about coming up to the Bench before next Parliament.

The petitions of Robert Osborne and John Leithwicke, gardener, are referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to report at next Parliament about the disorders made by Mr. R. Trescott, lodging in Mr. Brewer's chamber in Bricke Court.

The chamber in the new buildings in Essex Court, over Mr. Treasurer's Bench Chamber, shall be sold to his son at a price to be fixed by Messrs. Northey, Collins, and Edward Smith, or any two.

Mr. Walcott, the last Reader, shall be paid 10*l.* for Mr. H. Gough, who was appointed one of his stewards. Mr. Gough's bond shall be forthwith put in suit.

Parliament holden 25 Oct., 1678.

Mr. Edward Smith is elected Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Thomas Smith for next Summer. *Latin.*

Mr. A. Denton is fined 50*l.* for not reading. This must be paid before next Parliament. *Latin.*

The order about the title and the trusts is continued.

Mr. Anthony Ettricke is chosen to succeed Mr. Staples as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Taking a surrender from Mr. R. Trescott of his chamber in Vine Court, is suspended till next Parliament. The removal of the padlock from Mr. Brewer's chamber in Brick Court is referred to Mr. Treasurer to speak with Mr. Solicitor about it.

The watermen's petition for some allowance towards making good the causeway below Temple Bridge, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, who is desired to confer with the Treasurer of the Inner Temple.

If gentlemen mentioned in the Steward's schedule as in

debt more than 40*s.* for commons, do not pay forthwith, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit.

Mr. Thursby has power to transfer his chamber in Bricke Court with an assignment, after depositing 50*l.* till he has performed his reading.

Parliament holden 22 Nov., 1678.

The order about the title and the trusts is continued.

Mr. Edward Smith is discharged of his reading.

Jonathan Pennyfather shall be Puisne Butler in place of Thomas Blundell, deceased.

Messrs. Proctor, Northey, Lechmere, Wallop, Collins, Johnson, and E. Smith, or any three, are appointed to audit Mr. Treasurer's account.

Mr. James Noell shall have an assignment in his chamber in Pumpe Court, paying 20*l.* fine.

The absent commons due from Mr. F. Head, deceased, are remitted at the request of his father, Sir Richard Head, as since Trinity Term he made new windows to his chamber, which is now fallen to the House.

The committee for the buildings on the west side of Essex Court is continued.

No gaming Christmas shall be kept. The allowance shall be 24*l.* The Great Gate shall be shut at 9 P.M. This order shall be fixed on the screen.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Northey, Lechmere, Wallop, Staples, Johnson, and Walcott, or any four, are appointed a committee to attend the Judges.

On the Porter's petition, 7*l.* shall be paid him in recompense for his loss of rent from the shop under the Gate.

Adjourned till Wednesday night.

Parliament holden 24 Jan., 1678.

The order about the title and the trusts is confirmed.

The committee for the buildings on the west side of Essex Court is continued.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Proctor, Wallop, Collins, Staples, Whitlocke, and Sir Francis Winington, or any three, are appointed a committee to meet to-morrow at 2 P.M. to consider the paper of grievances presented by the gentlemen last term, and to report at next Parliament, to-day week at 6 o'clock.

The debate concerning the discharge of 20*l.* charged upon Mr. Staples, the last Treasurer, is respited till next Parliament.

As no nomination has been made by Dr. Barbon of persons to be admitted into some chambers in his new buildings, which by his articles ought long since to have been done; notice shall be given him that unless he can procure some members of the House to be admitted before the last Parliament of this term, the chambers shall be seized for the use of the House.

Parliament holden by adjournment 31 Jan., 1678.

On the petition of Henry Twiford, stationer, Mr. Treasurer is desired to assign him some place in the Hall Court where he can build a shed for the present, and the like for Herne, the tailor, out of the Hall Court, till they can accommodate themselves elsewhere. No such trade will be permitted in the future within the Society.

The Under-Treasurer is to say to the Treasurer of the Inner Temple that the Benchers have heard that they have ordered the setting up again of the shops under the arch of the Church porch, and to desire them not to proceed; and if they intend to proceed, to desire a meeting between the Benchers in the Temple Round.

Adjourned to Tuesday next, and to be held also on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday following.

Parliament holden by adjournment 4 Feb., 1678.

To encourage gentlemen whose chambers were lately burned down, to rebuild, they shall have an estate for one life and two assignments; and those already admitted into their chambers for life and one assignment, shall have two assignments more. They shall have two years from the last day of this term to rebuild and nominate the first life. The first admission for life shall be without fine. The fines for admittances upon the assignments shall be according to the value of the chambers, not more than 6*l.* If any builder die before the life he nominates is admitted, his executors or assigns shall have the same power to nominate the person to be admitted within the said two years.*

Fines imposed for "failers" of exercise upon assignments last term are remitted.

* Later marginal note to this paragraph: "The Cloister."

Parliament holden 7 Feb., 1678.

Any five Masters of the Bench are appointed a committee to meet five Benchers of the Inner Temple for accommodating the building between both Societies. They are desired to meet to-morrow.

Mr. P. Broughton, if forthwith admitted into a chamber in Garden Court, shall have till Trinity Term to put off his old chamber in Middle Temple Lane.

For the greater safety and regularity of the chambers lately burnt down, there shall be between every staircase a double wall, to be carried up a foot above the roof. The new buildings shall be in front and height like the building last erected on the west side of Essex Court. Every gentleman whose chamber is burnt shall, before 25 March, enter his declaration with the Under-Treasurer whether he will build or not, and also deposit 20*l.* towards the building, or come into articles to rebuild with some other on the same staircase who intends to rebuild. Every defaulter after 25 March shall be excluded from building, and his interest shall devolve to the House. Fixing this order on the screen shall be sufficient notice.

One pair of stairs high in Mr. G. Mountagu's chambers in Bricke Court shall be a Bench Chamber, but Mr. Mountagu may come in two pair of stairs high as a builder.

Adjourned till Monday next after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 10 Feb., 1678.

The order touching the building on the west side of Essex Court is continued. Their Masterships are desired to take particular account of the charge.

Unless Dr. Barbon procures some members of the House to be admitted into the several chambers in his buildings before next Parliament, the former order is made absolute.

If the Inner Temple cause the bounds of their ground to be surveyed, some person shall be appointed to join them that the bounds of this Society may be better known.

The Under-Treasurer shall make copies of the conveyances of the House's title from King James for the Benchers of the Inner Temple, they paying for them, but he is not to deliver them without further order.

The petition of Thomas Marriott, Cook, for leave to erect a shed to sell provisions to workmen, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

On the Cook's petition, stating the great sums due to him for commons, the Steward is to wait upon Mr. Treasurer with the paper of arrears of commons, that he may fix a time for payment, and put such bonds in suit as he sees cause.

The petition of Thomas Mosse, stationer, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, but not to allow of any brick building by the Church as yet.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer to allow them half what they had formerly.

The chamber of Messrs. J. Childe and W. Williams is to be consolidated, paying double duties, if Mr. Treasurer shall think fit.

Brick Court and the garden on the north side of it shall be made one court, and buildings erected on all sides of it.

Adjourned till to-morrow after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 11 Feb., 1678.

All the Masters of the Bench, or any three, are appointed a committee to compose all questions about building if they can before the first Parliament of next term, but to prejudice no man's right without his consent. Where they cannot end the difference, they are to report at the said Parliament.

Mr. L. Smith's case is referred to Mr. Treasurer to compound his duties, not taking less than a third.

Adjourned till to-morrow after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 12 Feb., 1678.

Mr. Treasurer has power to contract with Mr. Fitch, bricklayer, according to his proposals, with this alteration, that the chambers late on the north side of Brick Court shall be set more northwards when rebuilt.

Parliament holden 9 May, 1679.

Messrs. Northey, Lechmere, Wallop, Collins, Staples, Whitlocke, Edward Smith, and Thomas Smith, or any three, are appointed a committee to confer with the Inner Temple for accommodating the ground and building between the Societies. They are desired to meet as soon as may be, and to report at next Parliament.

The order of last Parliament for taking account of the charge of the building on the west side of Essex Court is continued.

All the Masters of the Bench, or any three, are appointed a committee to inspect Dr. Barbon's articles for new buildings,

and to report at next Parliament. Mr. Barker is desired to assist them. The building is to go on meantime. They are also to consider how the lead and iron remaining in the Hall shall be disposed of.

Messrs. R. Barnaby, H. Townshend, J. Weld, S. Brodricke, R. Marsh, and J. Goldsmith are proposed for the call to the Bar.

Mr. Browne's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

With regard to the late fire, to qualify gentlemen who stand for the Bar, their Masterships will accept the tofts of their burnt chambers in lieu of chambers, if they have made their first payment for rebuilding, before their calling.

Mr. Treasurer has leave to abate the absent commons of Michaelmas Term last.

Unless gentlemen mentioned in a schedule presented by the Steward as 40*s.* in arrears for commons, pay before the last Wednesday of this term, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order shall be fixed on the screen.

Adjourned to this day week.

Parliament holden 30 May, 1679.

Mr. Johnson shall have the Bench Chamber under the Hall, late assigned to Mr. Walcott. Mr. Walcott shall choose a Bench Chamber in Mr. Johnson's turn.

The duties of Mr. J. Kecke are referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. J. Radford's claim of Mr. H. Perrott's books detained for commons eaten by Mr. Perrott, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. L. Swanton and Mr. J. Row shall have chambers assigned them as near as may be to where their chambers were before the fire, but without alteration of the building and height of the floor over them, which is to continue as it is now laid. They shall pay for building their chambers in proportion as other builders do.

On report of the committee, Dr. Barbon's articles for new building the Temple, and the orders of the committee about the new buildings and articles are confirmed. The lead and iron in the Hall shall be immediately sold.

At the request of gentlemen in Elme Court, and by Dr. Barbon's consent, a convenient passage with an arch shall be made out of Elme Court into Pumpe Court. This alteration in the model shall be no breach of covenant with Dr. Barbon.

The committee for accommodating the ground and buildings between the two Societies is continued.

On hearing all parties concerned in the new buildings near the Great Gate on the east side of Middle Temple Lane, they have leave to make "jettys" to the upper chambers, as now designed and begun.

Mr. Verney having declared that he will leave the Bench, has leave to dispose of his toft. His duties are referred to Mr. Treasurer to use him very kindly.

Mr. Browne's petition for some part of the storehouse is denied, for it was made to bring in long ladders and scaffolding poles for the service of the House.

Messrs. R. Marsh, E. Foyle, S. Brodricke, H. Towneshend, J. Goldsmith, G. Dodd, G. Evans, T. Gundrey, E. Wright, T. Vernon, and W. Bannaster are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Messrs. R. Barnaby, J. Weld, H. Alnutt, and J. Knight are also called of grace.

Adjourned to Friday next.

Parliament holden 20 June, 1679.

Leave is granted to the gentlemen whose chambers are on the west side of New Court to set up palisado pales under their windows, not to stand out into the court more than three feet from the wall of the building.

The agreement touching the buildings to be erected on the north side of Pumpe Court and Vine Court is referred to the committee to compose differences about building, to report on Friday next.

The committee are desired to view the ground on the north side of the Temple Church belonging to Mr. J. Offley and Mr. G. Etkins, on which they are going to build, and to report at the same time. Mr. Treasurer, if he sees cause, shall stop their building meantime.

Mr. S. Ward's complaint about the "jettys" over his chamber windows and the placing of the staircase, the building on the east side of Elme Court where Mr. Robert Offley's chamber was, and Dr. Barbon's proposal to build the Cloister, are referred to the same committee, to report this day week.

Parliament holden by adjournment 27 June, 1679.

On report of the committee, the agreement between divers gentlemen of the Middle Temple and Inner Temple presented

at the last Parliament concerning the building to be erected on the north side of Pumpe Court and Vine Court, as to quantity of feet and distribution of staircases, is confirmed. Any three or two Masters of the Bench are appointed a committee to confer with the Inner Temple about lowering the ground of Hare Court, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. J. Offley and Mr. G. Etkins have leave to build their chambers by the north Churchyard, but not to come within 10 feet of the Church. The same committee are desired to settle the manner and height of the building with the Inner Temple.

On report of the committee, Dr. Barbon may proceed to build on the east side of Elme Court, where Mr. Robert Offley's chamber late was. Mr. Viney's and the other chambers over the Cloisters entering into the Church shall also be built.

Parliament holden 4 July, 1679.

The committee appointed to confer with the Inner Temple about buildings, is continued.

In consequence of the late sad fire, Mr. Thomas Smith shall be dispensed with for his reading on paying 300*l.*, and shall have all the rights, privileges, and benefits of a Reader.

No Master of the Bench who has not performed his reading, or had his reading dispensed with, shall be admitted into a Bench Chamber until he has paid 200*l.*

Mr. J. Hulker's request to enlarge the windows of his chamber towards the Bench garden, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

On report of the committee, 58*l.* shall be paid to the workmen towards the building on the west side of Essex Court. Mr. Staples shall pay 20*l.* remaining on his account towards the same.

The desire of Mr. R. North and some others to be allowed for ground late within their pale in Essex Court, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Proctor, Staples, Thomas Smith, or any two, to report on Tuesday.

Unless Mr. J. Troughton pays Mr. Barker for money laid out in building his chamber in Essex Court before the first Parliament in Michaelmas Term, his chamber shall be seized and sold.

The gentlemen concerned in the building on the north side of Pumpe Court have leave to go on by their own workmen, allowing to Dr. Barbon for melioration, according to his articles, and 40*s.* a square for his damage in not building;

but not to make above three steps of the staircase out into the court, that it may be uniform with the other staircases.

If Mr. B. Godwin does not accept to have his chamber underground as before and join in the building, satisfaction shall be made him for his ground according to Dr. Barbon's proposals, or as the Masters of the Bench shall judge reasonable.

Mr. F. Row's petition for an assignment in his chamber is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

On the petition of Mr. Rogers, the Reader under Dr. Ball in the Temple Church, Mr. Treasurer is desired to confer with the Treasurer of the Inner Temple how to accommodate him with a chamber.

Robert Osborne's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Next vacation shall continue till Saturday fortnight.

Adjourned to Tuesday after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 8 July, 1679.

On report of the committee, it is agreed that if any allowance ought to be made for the ground late within the pales in Essex Court, it ought to be to the House. The amount is to be considered at next Parliament.

On report of the committee, it is agreed that the Inner Temple ought to have no share in the cellar under Messrs. Offley and Etkins' chambers by the north Churchyard. These gentlemen must treat with Mr. Hampson, who pretends to the right of the chamber over them, for enlarging their chambers, so as the Inner Temple build but one story above them and no higher than before, and declare such agreement by an Act of their Parliament. If the Inner Temple refuse, they shall build their chambers as they were before.

The Inner Temple having informed the committee that the Lord Chancellor had declared that the staircase where the chambers of Messrs. Booth, Viney, Ligon, and Beare were, over the Cloister entering into the Church, should not be built; the matter shall be debated to-morrow at the Bench table.

On Dr. Barbon's complaint that 1400*l.* is due to him from gentlemen who have not made their first payment according to his articles, and that unless he receives it and also the second payment due in the coming vacation, he will be unable to cover the buildings; it is ordered that defaulters

shall lose the assignments granted to them. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Dr. Barbon has power to mortgage the chambers of those who have not made their first payment. No person shall be admitted to his chamber until he has paid Dr. Barbon his proportion according to the articles, with interest from the time it ought to have been paid.

Dr. Barbon shall prepare a model of how he designs to build the Cloisters, to be considered by two or more of the Masters of the Bench who tarry in town, who are appointed a committee to settle it with the Inner Temple.

Mr. F. Row has leave to make a new window in his chamber in Elme Court.

Parliament holden 24 Oct., 1679.

Mr. William Thursby is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Henry Chauncy for next Summer. *Latin.*

Mr. George Johnson is chosen to succeed Mr. Ettricke as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

No person shall be admitted into the chambers on which Mr. Edward Bull has lent Dr. Barbon 150*l.* till he has been repaid with interest, viz. one chamber on the south side of Vine Court one pair of stairs west, and two on the south side of Pumpe Court in the first staircase from Middle Temple Lane two and three pair of stairs east.

Messrs. J. Orlibar and P. Bowes are called to the Bench in order to their reading.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Northey, Lechmere, Wallop, Staples, Johnson, Whitlocke, and Walcott, or any three, are appointed a committee to attend the Judges who are of this House concerning the privileges and precedency of those Benchers whose readings have been or shall be dispensed with.

On the petition of gentlemen with chambers in Elme Court, a passage shall be made out of Elme Court into Fig-tree Court, as anciently it was. Dr. Barbon shall be recompensed for any loss thereby. Mr. Treasurer shall arrange with Mr. H. Hatsell, J. Offley, and Dr. Barbon where the staircase in that building shall be.

Mr. Twiford's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The petitions of Mrs. Browne and Robert Britton, the carpenter, are referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Widow Osborne shall be given 20*s*.

Dr. Barbon, in pursuance of his articles, has presented a list of chambers in the new buildings designed by him for Bench Chambers, viz. :—

One in the row next to the "Divell" tavern, in the staircase next Temple Lane, one pair of stairs on the west side of the stairs.

One in the middle building in Brick Court, in the uppermost staircase, one pair of stairs on the north side of the stairs.

Two in the staircase fronting the Hall and next Temple Lane, both one pair of stairs.

Three in the staircase fronting the Hall and next the Bench garden, viz. one ground chamber on the east side of the stairs and two chambers, one pair of stairs.

One ground chamber in Essex Court in the building next the stationer's shop, on the south side of the stairs.

One, one pair of stairs in the half staircase on the west end of Pumpe Court.

Two in Pumpe Court in the middle staircase on the south side; one being a ground chamber on the east side of the stairs, the other up one pair of stairs on the west side of the stairs.

One ground chamber in Elme Court on part of the site of Mr. Offley's chamber before the fire.

Two intended to be built where the Cloisters stood.

The said chambers are declared to be Bench Chambers. Mr. Northey shall have the chamber one pair of stairs west in the building fronting the Hall Court, in the staircase next to the Bench garden; Mr. Whitlocke, that over against it, one pair of stairs east in the same staircase; Mr. Wallop, that one pair of stairs east, in the building fronting the Hall Court, in the staircase next to Middle Temple Lane; Mr. Ettricke, now Treasurer, that over against it, one pair of stairs west in the same staircase; to hold with the parts of the cellar belonging thereto. Mr. Treasurer is desired to hasten Dr. Barbon to floor, ceil, and finish them.

Unless gentlemen mentioned in the Steward's schedule as owing 40*s*. for commons, pay before 20 Nov., their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Adjourned to this day week.

Parliament holden by adjournment 31 Oct., 1679.

Adjourned to this day week.

Parliament holden by adjournment 7 Nov., 1679.

No one shall be admitted into a chamber without first paying into the Treasury and to the Steward all arrears for commons eaten in the Hall and other duties on the rolls. Notice shall be given to Dr. Barbon not to pay any gentleman of this House for the toft of his burnt chamber until he has paid all such arrears.

Parliament holden 21 Nov., 1679.

A duplicate of the petition now read shall be signed by Mr. Treasurer and presented to-morrow to Lord Chief Justice North and Lord Chief Baron Mountagu, one to each of them. Any three Masters whom Mr. Treasurer shall desire shall accompany him to the Judges to obtain their answer before Wednesday next. The question about the precedency of Sir Francis Winnington and Mr. Johnson is referred to the Judges.

Messrs. Northey, Lechmere, Wallop, Collins, Staples, and Sir Francis Winnington, or any three, are appointed to audit Mr. Treasurer's account.

Mr. Collins, the stationer, shall be allowed 10*s.* towards the repairs of the tiling over his shop.

Adjourned till Wednesday after supper to receive Mr. Thomas Smith's answer, and for other matters.

Parliament holden by adjournment 26 Nov., 1679.

Further debate on the order about Readers, and the matter of preference therein mentioned, is respited till the first Parliament of next term.

Mr. Ettricke shall be added to the committee for building. They shall confer with the Inner Temple about building the Cloisters, and treat with Dr. Barbon for doing it, that the gentlemen interested in two entire staircases may have satisfaction, to report at next Parliament.

Two watchmen shall be appointed to assist the Porter this vacation, to go about the House every night and take care against casualties by workmen working by candle light in the new buildings.

Parliament holden 23 Jan., 1679.

The account of Mr. Ettricke, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

Application shall be made to Lord Chief Justice North and

Lord Chief Baron Mountagu on Monday next after dinner on the matter of precedency. Messrs. Lechmere and Ettricke, Sir Francis Winnington, and who else please, are desired to accompany Mr. Treasurer.

Their Masterships will within a week attend all the Judges upon the matter of readings, and report on Friday.

The case of Mr. J. Conyers and Mr. Orlibar, chamber-fellows, who had different interests in their chambers, and the case of Mr. Medlicott and Mr. W. East, chamber-fellows in the same building, are referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

The order for conferring with the Inner Temple about building the Cloisters is continued. The committee is desired to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer shall sell two of the worst of the new Bench Chambers, and use the money in wainscotting and fitting up the others.

The petition of the bricklayer, carpenter, plumber, and smith, to be paid for supporting and repairing the building on the south side of Elme Court, much shaken by being blown up in the late fire, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The petition of Thomas Morse, stationer, about his shop in the Churchyard, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

Unless gentlemen mentioned in the Steward's schedule as owing 40*s.* for commons, pay before 2 Feb., their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Adjourned to Friday night.

Parliament holden by adjournment 30 Jan., 1679.

Mr. T. Lake's forfeiture for absence from commons last vacation is remitted, as it was with leave.

The case of Mr. Conyers and Mr. Orlibar is to be considered at the first Parliament of next term.

The chambers of Mr. Medlicott and Mr. W. East on the north side of Pumpe Court shall be consolidated.

It is referred to the committee for building to estimate what shall be abated to Dr. Barbon of the Bench Chambers which he undertook to build, if he does not proceed to build where the Cloisters were, and to report at next Parliament.

As the House is much indebted through the late sad fire, the upper floor of Mr. Staples' Bench Chamber in the new buildings on the west side of Essex Court, which is one and two pairs of stairs high on the north side of the staircase, shall be disbenched and sold, with his consent. He shall have leave to admit any person of the House thereto for a life and two assignments, paying 180*l.* on his admission; to nominate the person, and procure him to be admitted before the last Parliament of next term.

Out of this 180*l.* to be paid by Mr. Staples, there shall be allowed to Messrs. Northey, Wallop, and Ettricke their expense in wainscotting and fitting up their Bench Chambers in the new buildings, not to exceed 60*l.* for a chamber.

Parliament holden 6 Feb., 1679.

Mr. Treasurer, Sir Francis Winnington, and Mr. Walcott if he please, are desired to attend the Lord Chief Justice North and Lord Chief Baron Mountagu on the last day of term for their determination on the matter of precedency.

As Mr. G. Lulls' chamber, which was padlocked up for arrears, was found broken open and Mr. S. Ward's servant there; Mr. Lulls and Mr. Ward, who had used the chamber for many months, must attend in the Parliament Chamber on Monday after dinner.

Unless Mr. Leigh forthwith procures himself to be admitted to the part of a chamber for which he contracted with Mr. J. Lulls about a year since, and to which by ancient orders he ought to have been admitted three months after the contract, the chamber will be seized.

On the request of the vacation Barristers to have this vacation abridged, it shall continue to 6 March. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

The committee to confer with the Inner Temple about building the Cloisters, is desired to meet on Monday after dinner, and to report at next Parliament.

The same committee is desired to report at next Parliament about the abatement to Dr. Barbon of the Bench Chambers which he undertook to build.

Mr. Treasurer's estimate for the work done in supporting and repairing the building on the south side of Elme Court is approved; viz. for the storehouse, 9*l.*; for every whole floor in

each staircase over the storehouse, 4*l.* 10*s.* a-piece. He is desired to take order for collecting and levying it.

Mr. Treasurer may grant a lease for twenty-one years at the old rent of 3*l.* a year to Thomas Morse, stationer, of the shop in the Churchyard near the Cloisters, which he has rebuilt after the fire.

The chambers of Mr. John Orlibar and Mr. John Conyers, on the north side of Pumpe Court, shall be consolidated on Mr. Orlibar's surrender, who is to deposit 50*l.* till he has performed his reading or procured himself to be admitted into another chamber. Mr. Conyers shall be admitted into the whole chamber with three assignments, paying for a third assignment in the part surrendered by Mr. Orlibar a fine fixed by Mr. Treasurer.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Sir Francis Winnington, Mr. Chauncy, and Mr. Bowes are appointed a committee to attend the Master of the Rolls and Mr. Justice Ellis about readings, and to report on Thursday after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 12 Feb., 1679.

All the Masters of the Bench tarrying in town, or any two, are appointed a committee to treat with the Inner Temple about any matters in difference, and to advise with Dr. Barbon about a project of buildings over the Cloisters to satisfy the interests of those who had chambers there. They are also to consider the abatement of Bench Chambers to be built by Dr. Barbon, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Walcott and other Masters who please are desired to accompany Sir Francis Winnington on Monday next to the Lord Chief Justice North and Lord Chief Baron Mountagu for their determination about precedency.

Sir Francis Winnington and Mr. Bowes are desired to make further application to the Master of the Rolls and Mr. Justice Ellis about readings, and to report on Friday after supper.

Parliament holden by adjournment 17 Feb., 1679.

Next Lent reading shall be put off till Summer.

On application by Dr. Barbon, it is ordered that no one shall have admission to his chamber in the new buildings till he has paid Dr. Barbon for the amelioration and building thereof according to the contract and articles.

On complaint of some who have chambers on the south and west sides of Pumpe Court, the level of the court shall not be altered without an order of Parliament.

On Sir Francis Winnington's report that the Judges had determined that he ought to have antiquity according to the time of his reading, he shall have the Bench Chamber one pair of stairs east in the building fronting the Hall Court, in the staircase next to the Bench garden, over against the Bench Chamber lately assigned to Mr. Northey, unless Mr. Walcott show cause to the contrary on Friday night, to which time the Parliament is adjourned.

Parliament holden 30 April, 1680.

Messrs. H. Squier, B. Rudyard, R. Tracy, H. Coker, G. Jones, and B. Shower are proposed for the next call to the Bar.

No person shall be called to the degree of the Utter Bar without being first admitted into a chamber, according to ancient usage, and not upon depositing 50*l.* This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Mr. Walcott shall have the Bench Chamber on the first floor in the building fronting the Hall Court, in the staircase next to the Bench garden, on the east side of the staircase; Mr. Whitlocke, that up one pair of stairs in the half staircase, on the west end of Pumpe Court. The other Masters of the Bench are to declare to Mr. Treasurer their election in seniority of the other chambers now void, and their Masterships will order at the next Parliament.

Mr. Walcott has power to transfer his chamber in the new buildings in the Churchyard, one pair of stairs and a half north, to any member of the House, for a life and two assignments.

The committee appointed to treat with the Inner Temple about any matters in difference, to advise with Dr. Barbon about a project of buildings over the Cloisters to satisfy the interests of those gentlemen who had chambers there, and to estimate what will be fit to abate Dr. Barbon of the Bench Chambers he undertook to build, is continued. They are desired to meet next week.

The Steward shall summon before Mr. Treasurer gentlemen mentioned in a schedule presented by him as in debt for commons 40*s.*, and others whom Mr. Treasurer shall think

fit. If they do not pay before the last Wednesday in this term, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 21 May, 1680.

In pursuance of former orders appointing the payment for rebuilding of burnt chambers to be made thus, viz. :—one third when the joists of the first floor are laid, another third when the joists of all the floors are laid ready to put on the roof, and the last third, half when the stairs are fully made and the floors sufficiently boarded, and the other half when the whole staircase is fully finished; it is ordered that any gentleman making default shall pay interest, and if he makes default till another payment becomes due, he shall forfeit all his interest as a builder of his burnt chamber, and Dr. Barbon shall have his interest, paying him as much as his burnt chamber shall come to, according to the rates of melioration mentioned in the proposals annexed to Dr. Barbon's articles, and repaying what he has already paid towards the building.

Mr. Treasurer shall have the Bench Chamber on the first floor in the building fronting the Hall Court, in the staircase next the Bench garden on the east side of the staircase, late assigned to Mr. Serjeant Walcott; Mr. Thomas Smith, the Bench Chamber in the middle building in Brick Court, in the uppermost staircase, one pair of stairs on the north side of the stairs; Mr. Thursby, that in the middle staircase on the south side of Pump Court, one pair of stairs on the west side of the stairs; Mr. Chauncy, that in the buildings on the north side of Brick Court, in the staircase next to Middle Temple Lane, one pair of stairs on the west side of the stairs; Mr. Pawlett, that in the middle staircase on the south side of Pumpe Court, a ground chamber on the east side of the stairs; and Mr. Medlicott, that under the Hall, now in possession of Mr. Treasurer.

Application shall be made to the Lord Chancellor before the first Parliament of next term for his determination between this Society and the Inner Temple about building the Cloisters and the several interests of the gentlemen of this House who had chambers over them, and to desire Dr. Barbon to prepare a model of the buildings.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to treat with the Cook about

providing commons at a certainty by the week, that they may be paid for beforehand.

Mr. Treasurer has power to transfer the chamber in the Garden Buildings, late fallen to the House by Mr. Whittingham's death, with an assignment.

Mr. Staples shall have 10*l.* paid him, and his son shall be admitted with an assignment into the chamber which he lately purchased of Mr. A. Weldon in Elme Court.

Mr. Chauncy and Mr. Pawlett having made their election of Bench Chambers, shall have an assignment in their chambers till they sell, and also power to transfer their chambers with an assignment, paying 50*l.* when they transfer.

Mr. Bowes having been at great charge in repairing his chamber in Elme Court, much damnified by blowing up the storehouse, shall have an assignment on his new admission.

As it appears that Mr. W. Hall, coming from Gray's Inn to be admitted of this Society, was allowed two years there for the time he had been of Bernard's Inn, he shall be allowed the same time here for his call to the Bar.

If Messrs. R. Cutts and B. Godwin, interested in the cellar chambers on the north side of Pumpe Court, do not make their payments for rebuilding before next Parliament, the other undertakers for that building shall have power to dispose of the said chambers, giving satisfaction to Messrs. Cutts and Godwin, according to the rates proposed by Dr. Barbon for melioration.

Widow Rogers shall have 40*s.* charitable gift.

Sir Francis Withins, being made of the King's Counsel, is called to the Bench.

Messrs. G. Walker, J. Kingsman, C. Fitzwilliams, S. Hervey, R. Tracy, H. Squire, G. Jones, B. Shower, B. Rudyard, H. Coker, E. Gastrell, and P. Langton are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

The matter of readings is to be considered on the second Friday of next term, to which day the first Parliament of next term is adjourned.

Parliament holden 18 June, 1680.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to treat with Dr. Barbon upon the model which he has prepared for building the Cloisters and chambers over them to satisfy the interests of those who had

chambers there; and to make the more haste as the Inner Temple has laid foundations for a building on their part of the Cloisters divers feet more northwards on the common Churchyard than the old Cloister was, and that they go on apace with that work.

The petition of Mr. R. Cutts of the Utter Bar is referred to Messrs. Lechmere, Wallopp, Staples, Sir Francis Winington, Messrs. Edward Smith, Thursby, and Bowes, or any three, to compose the differences between the parties, or report at next Parliament.

The Masters of the Bench who have not read, are requested to offer proposals about reading at next Parliament.

There shall be a roll of collection for the three Serjeants last called, Serjeant Mountagu, now Lord Chief Baron, Serjeant Bertie, and Serjeant Walcott, every member of the Society being taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.*

The bonds of Messrs. W. Davy and W. Hurman, for whom Mr. N. Still is surety, being put in suit for their arrears, Mr. Still on paying the duties and charges shall have their bonds delivered to him, with leave to sue in the names of the obligees, first giving his bond to save them harmless.

Mr. E. Foden is proposed to be called to the Bar.

Mr. J. Hulker's request to enlarge the windows of his chamber towards the Bench garden is referred to Mr. Treasurer and any two Masters of the Bench to view, and to report at next Parliament.

John Smith shall have 3*l.* given him for a year's service in the cellar and buttery.

Parliament holden 25 June, 1680.

Sir Francis Withins, knt., is chosen and confirmed Reader for next Summer. Messrs. Whitlocke and E. Smith are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. T. Smith, W. Thursby, H. Chauncy, W. Pawlett. *Latin.*

Sir Francis Withins, Messrs. Lechmere, Wallop, and Sir Francis Winnington, or any two, are appointed a committee to complain to the Lord Chancellor of the encroachment by the Inner Temple, by their building on the south side of the Churchyard more northward from the south Cloister than their former building was, and to desire him to appoint a

time to hear both Societies on this complaint and the other interests this Society had over the west Cloister, and to require the Inner Temple to stop their buildings meantime. The proposals presented to this Parliament by Dr. Barbon for building the west Cloister and chambers over it are referred to the said committee, to report on Tuesday night after supper.

The Under-Treasurer shall give an account of what windows have been lately made without leave in any chambers of the House.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to give leave to Mr. J. Hulker to enlarge his window towards the Bench garden, but not to be made nearer the ground than Mr. Thursby's window.

Mr. J. Troughton's chamber, being two pair of stairs on the west side of Essex Court, in the staircase next to the Bench garden, shall be consolidated to Mr. Barker's chamber on the same floor. On Mr. Troughton's surrender, Mr. Barker shall be admitted to the whole floor as a sole chamber, paying single duties.

At the earnest request of the undertakers for the building on the north side of Pumpe Court, alleging that Messrs. R. Cutts and B. Godwin had been acquainted with the orders concerning them, and the inconvenience of the matter remaining unsettled all next vacation; the order of 21 May, 1680, is confirmed, the undertakers depositing the satisfaction mentioned therein into Mr. Treasurer's hands.

Sir Francis Withins has liberty to read in the Hall on the days accustomed, one, two, or three days, or not to read at all, at his pleasure. His reading shall be without expense. If he is at any expense, his reading shall not be allowed. On paying 200*l.* when he is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed, he shall have all the rights, privileges, and benefits of a Reader, as if he had actually read. This order shall be in force for every succeeding Reader for four years from the end of Michaelmas Term next, each paying the same sum.

Every Master of the Bench who has not read, to whom a new built Bench Chamber is assigned, has power to lay out 60*l.* for wainscotting and fitting up his new chamber, which shall be allowed him out of the 200*l.* which he will pay when he reads. He must give account under his hand how the money has been spent.

It is referred to Mr. Reader to continue next vacation for the performance of exercises as long as he shall see cause.

Parliament holden by adjournment 29 June, 1680.

Mr. Treasurer has power to make a lease to Edmund Herne of a shop by the storehouse late in Mrs. Browne's possession for twenty-one years if he live so long, but not to abate the present rent, and with a proviso to sell no ale.

The best of the two new built Bench Chambers lately ordered to be sold, shall be reserved to Sir Francis Withins, who has accepted to read this Autumn, till he be provided with a better one. The cost of wainscotting and fitting up, not exceeding 60*l.*, shall be deducted out of the money which he is to pay into the Treasury. When he is accommodated with a better chamber, this shall be sold.

Dr. Barbon's proposals for building the Cloisters and chambers over them are accepted.

Parliament holden 29 Oct., 1680.

Mr. Thomas Smith is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. William Thursby for next Autumn. *Latin.*

The matter of the Cloisters is referred back to the former committee, to which Mr. Thomas Smith is added. They are desired to consider Sir Christopher Wren's model for building the Cloisters and chambers over them, to treat with Dr. Barbon about building if they approve the model, and to report at two o'clock on Friday next.

The Treasurer is desired to take whom he pleases to his assistance, and to consider whether the encroachments and windows lately made are to the prejudice of the House, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. William Whitlocke is chosen to succeed Mr. Johnson as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

On the petition of Mr. D. Thornbury of the Utter Bar, their Masterships declare that they altogether dislike Mr. John Higden's action against him for negligently keeping his fire, whereby Mr. Higden's chamber was burnt.

The petition of William Chapman, Head Butler, and Edward Norman, Turnbroach, are referred to Mr. Treasurer.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to take such fine of Mr. Humfrey Bestland for his late father's chamber as he shall

think good, and also to allow the Porter something for a gown.

The persons next to be called to the Bar shall be proposed at the Parliament this day week.

Parliament holden by adjournment 5 Nov., 1680.

On report of the committee, the Cloisters and buildings over them shall be built according to Sir Christopher Wren's model. Messrs. Northey, Edward Smith, Thursby, Medlicott, Orlibar, and Bowes are added to the committee, any three of whom are to treat with the like number of Benchers of the Inner Temple as soon as may be for settling this matter, and are desired to report at next Parliament. If the building shall not proceed, their Masterships will consider Dr. Barbon for what he has already done.

Messrs. N. Archbold and L. Swanton are called to the Bench in order to their reading.

Parliament holden 26 Nov., 1680.

On report of the committee about building the Cloisters, any three of them shall attend the Lord Chancellor to desire him to appoint a time to hear both the Societies on this matter. They are desired to take care that any agreement or order shall be put in writing, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. L. Swanton is fined 50*l.* for not reading. *Latin.*

Messrs. Northey, Lechmere, Wallop, E. Smith, and Thursby, or any three, are appointed a committee to audit Mr. Treasurer's account.

Sir Peircivall Hart is called to the Bench in order to his reading, to take seniority from his coming up to the Bench.

Mr. Roger Gillingham is called to the Bench in order to his reading, depositing 50*l.* in lieu of a chamber until he has performed his reading.

Sir Francis Withins having paid 200*l.* in pursuance of an order made 25 June, 1680, is confirmed Reader, and his reading is allowed.

Sir Francis Withins shall have the Bench Chamber by the Hall, immediately over the Parliament Chamber, void by Mr. Collins' death.

Mr. Savage's case touching his son's chamber is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament. No one is to be admitted into the chamber meantime.

Mr. N. Palmer, admitted by Mr. Ettricke into the chamber which was his perquisite in his Treasurership, has leave to transfer it with an assignment.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Wallop, Pawlett, and Archbold, or any two, are appointed a committee for clearing the courts of rubbish and gravelling them, and to discourse with Dr. Barbon thereupon, and to report at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 28 Jan., 1680.

The order of 4 Feb., 1678, for encouraging gentlemen to rebuild their chambers lately burnt down, shall be fixed on the screen, as the time prefixed is near elapsed.

The account of Mr. Johnson, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

The committee report that they had agreed with one workman to clear the cellars, lane, and courts of rubbish for 12*l.*, and with other workmen to level and gravel Pumpe Court, Bricke Court, and Essex Court for 40*l.*, and that Dr. Barbon had consented that the House should be reimbursed this sum out of a greater sum due to him from the building on the north side of Pumpe Court. This is confirmed.

Whereas 60*l.* has been paid to Messrs. Northey, Wallop, and Ettricke for wainscotting and fitting up their Bench Chambers, the same sum shall be paid to Sir Francis Winnington on the same account. Mr. Treasurer is desired to examine the charges of wainscotting the four said chambers and other new Bench Chambers which are finished, and to report at next Parliament.

Unless gentlemen mentioned in a schedule presented by the Steward as in debt 40*s.* for commons, pay before the last Parliament of this term, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit.

Sir George Treby, Recorder of London, is called to the Bench in order to his reading.

Adjourned till Wednesday after dinner to consider of the Cloisters.

Parliament holden by adjournment 3 Feb., 1680.

Their Masterships to-morrow at the Bench table will send to the Inner Temple for a conference after dinner about the Cloisters, and appoint a committee to treat with them and

receive their answer to Sir Christopher Wren's model and the proposals thereto annexed, which were delivered to them by a former committee last term.

Adjourned to Tuesday next after dinner.

Parliament holden 11 Feb., 1680.

Mr. Thomas Smith, chosen Reader for next Lent, is confirmed. Mr. E. Smith and Francis Wythens, knt., are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. W. Thursby, H. Chauncy, W. Pawlett, T. Medlicott. *Latin.*

Mr. Treasurer, Sir Francis Wythens, Messrs. Lechmere, Wallop, Sir Francis Winnington, Sir George Treby, and any other Masters of the Bench whom Mr. Treasurer shall please, are appointed a committee to apply to the Lord Chancellor to have the Cloisters built according to Sir Christopher Wren's model. They are desired to do what they can in it next week.

The sums spent by Messrs. Northey, Wallop, Ettricke, and Sir Francis Winnington upon their new Bench Chambers above the 60*l.* received by them, shall be paid out of the Treasury as money comes in, and Mr. Ettricke shall be paid first. The sums spent by the Masters of the Bench who have not read, in wainscotting and fitting up their new chambers, shall be allowed to them out of the 200*l.* to be paid by them on account of their reading.

Mr. Edward Smith shall pay in lieu of his reading 100*l.* more before the first Parliament of next term.

Mr. L. Swanton is discharged the fine for not reading.

On the petitions of many gentlemen whose chambers were burnt down, they and all others concerned in the new built chambers shall have more time till 10 March to procure themselves to be admitted. Any three Masters of the Bench who tarry in town are appointed a committee to sit daily and hear the complaints of any gentlemen whose chambers are not finished, and to direct what sum each shall deposit till their chambers are finished by Dr. Barbon according to his articles. If they cannot end all complaints and differences before 10 March, they may prolong the time, but not beyond the first Parliament of next term.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to allow them as last year.

The petitions of Alexander Wilkinson and John Young are referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Adjourned till Friday night next.

Parliament holden by adjournment 18 Feb., 1680.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer, when exercises in the Hall shall cease, to dispense with the remainder of the vacation as he shall see cause.

Mr. R. Holcott shall not proceed in his building in the Churchyard without further order.

Adjourned till Tuesday night.

Parliament holden 22 April, 1681.

Gentlemen concerned in the new built chambers must procure admittance before the last Parliament in this term peremptorily. This order shall be fixed on the screen every Monday this term.

Mr. Northey shall be paid as soon as possible the remainder of the money spent by him in fitting up his Bench chamber.

Further time shall be given to Mr. Edward Smith till the last Parliament in this term for the payment of 100*l.* mentioned last Parliament.

The discharge of Mr. L. Swanton of his fine for not reading shall be further considered at the last Parliament in this term.

Mr. J. Deane, expelled for setting up a gaming Christmas, is restored, on his paying the duties owing by him before his expulsion and giving a new bond.

On report of the committee, 250*l.* shall be allowed to John Foltrop, carpenter, for his loss in materials about the foundations and for extraordinary charge in building the Cloisters according to Sir Christopher Wren's model and directions, over and above his agreement with Dr. Barbon, when he has finished.

The names of Messrs. B. Whitlocke, H. Westlake, S. Malines, E. Foden, R. Breton, R. Thornhill, M. Silly, J. Parsons, C. Ward, B. Wade, E. Rawlins, D. Roy, and P. Kirk are proposed for the call to the Bar.

Unless gentlemen mentioned in a Schedule presented by the Steward as 40*s.* in arrears for commons, pay before the last Parliament of this term, their chambers shall be seized, or

their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Mr. Treasurer has power to abate the duties of Mr. John Malett's son to 40*s.*

Adjourned to Friday night next to determine the complaints and difference between the gentlemen and Dr. Barbon touching the new buildings. This order is to be fixed on the screen to-morrow.

Parliament holden by adjournment 29 April, 1681.

Their Masterships having heard Mr. J. Conyers' exceptions touching his payments to Dr. Barbon, see no cause to depart from the order of 4 July, 1679, concerning the buildings on the north side of Pumpe Court.

Parliament holden 13 May, 1681.

The last order concerning Mr. Edward Smith is discharged, on his promise that he will pay the 100*l.* mentioned before the last Parliament in Michaelmas Term.

Mr. L. Swanton is discharged of his fine for not reading.

Mr. S. Broughton having purchased from Messrs. J. Whitmore and R. Tracy their moieties of their burnt tofts on the north side of Pumpe Court, wherein Mr. Whitmore had an assignment but Mr. Tracy none, and having rebuilt the chamber, an assignment in both parts shall be granted to him.

Messrs. R. Thornehill, J. Snow, F. Hollinshead, R. Elsworth, J. Morden, T. Gwillim, E. Fawkenor, W. Crow, W. Wintour, T. Day, B. James, J. Hodgson, E. Reeve, E. Rawlins, H. Westlake, S. Malines, E. Foden, R. Breton, O. Mountagu, R. Stephens, M. Silly, J. Parsons, C. Ward, D. Roy, J. Bernard, and P. Kirke are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

The petition of Messrs. J. Mawde and J. Grove is referred to the committee for the Cloisters.

The petition of William Phillips, joiner, for a lease of his shop at the present rent, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Thomas Smith having paid 100*l.* by order of 25 June, 1680, and promising to pay what remains of another 100*l.* which he has not spent in wainscotting and fitting up his Bench Chamber, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

Mr. J. Conyers' exceptions having been again heard, the order of 4 July, 1679, is confirmed.

Leave shall be given to the gentlemen of the Inner Temple whose chambers front Pumpe Court southward, to set up palisado pales in Pumpe Court before their chambers at such distance from the wall, and as the Treasurer shall direct, at the charge of the gentlemen and during the pleasure of the Masters of the Bench of this Society; for which they shall pay at Michaelmas 4*d.* on demand. The like order is made by the Inner Temple to the gentlemen of this House whose chambers front Hare Court northward, to set up palisado pales in Hare Court.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to inform himself whether the Inner Temple ought to have a key to the water gates.

Parliament holden 3 June, 1681.

The gentlemen concerned in the new built chambers ought to have been admitted in Hilary Term last. Those not admitted before the last Parliament in this term shall lose one assignment. This order shall be peremptory, and shall be fixed on the screen to-morrow.

The ancient order that no gentleman shall appear in the Hall or take commons there without his gown, shall be revived. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

The accommodating Mr. Chauncy with a cellar under his Bench Chamber in Bricke Court is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden 17 June, 1681.

Mr. William Thursby, chosen Reader for next Summer, is confirmed. Francis Wythens, knt., and Mr. T. Smith are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen :—Messrs. H. Chauncy, W. Pawlett, T. Medlicott, J. Orlibar. *Latin.*

The Under-Treasurer shall give account at next Parliament how many Bench Chambers there were before the fire, and how many now.

Mr. John Entwisle is called to the Bench in order to his reading, depositing 50*l.* in lieu of a chamber till he has performed his reading.

Mr. G. Mountagu shall have further time till the last Parliament in next term to be admitted to his chamber in the new buildings.

At the request of the vacation Barristers, next vacation shall continue till 9 July.

Adjourned to Friday night.

Parliament holden by adjournment 24 June, 1681.

On application by Mr. Savage, his younger son, George, may be admitted into the chamber of his eldest son, William, in Garden Court.

On the petition of Mr. T. Siderfin's widow and executrix, she shall have till 10 July to dispose of her husband's chambers, but if she shall not procure admittances by that time, she shall lose an assignment.

John Smith's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer to allow him for a year's service in the Hall, cellar, and buttery.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Wallop, E. Smith, T. Smith, and Medlicott, or any three Masters of the Bench tarrying in town, Mr. Treasurer to be one, are appointed a committee to consider the petition of the gentlemen of New Inn, and to report at next Parliament.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to pay Foltropp, the carpenter, 100*l.* towards the charge of the Cloisters, if he sees cause.

Mr. R. Holcott's petition to be relieved for damages in his late chamber near the Cloisters, is referred to the committee for building, to report at next Parliament.

The petitions of Messrs. W. Porter, R. Tash, T. Adye, P. Sheppard, J. Offley, J. Washington, and the executors of S. Foster, are referred to Mr. Treasurer, to end the differences between them and Dr. Barbon touching building their chambers. Where he cannot, each person is to deposit the sum that shall remain in question. The said gentlemen and others not yet admitted into their chambers, shall have till 10 July to procure themselves to be admitted. Any one not admitted by that time shall lose one assignment.

The particular of damages and alterations in rebuilding presented by Dr. Barbon is referred to the committee for building, to report at next Parliament.

Richard Ayres' petition touching his shop under the Great Gate, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. T. Hooper's fines for "failer" of exercise in his assignment, are remitted on account of his sickness.

Parliament holden 28 Oct., 1681.

Henry Chauncy, knt., is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. William Pawlett for next Summer. *Latin.*

Sir Francis Wythens is nominated to succeed Mr. Whitelocke as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Messrs. F. Morgan and S. Keck are called to the Bench in order to their reading.

Thomas Griffin's petition for leave to build a shop on a void piece of ground at the north-west end of the Hall, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

William Phillips' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mary Petty's petition for an addition to her yearly wages, because her work is increased by washing plates, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to do for Mr. Chapman, Chief Butler, as was done last year in regard to his want of a chamber.

On petition of Henry Twiford, stationer, Mr. Treasurer has power to grant him a lease of a slip of ground between the buildings on the south side of Vine Court and the Cloisters, of which Dr. Barbon was to have a lease for fifty-one years at a peppercorn rent, but with a proviso not to alien or assign without leave.

Mr. Orlibar shall have the Bench Chamber in Brick Court void by Mr. Thomas Smith's death, unless some Master, his ancient, shall choose it at next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to confer with the Treasurer of the Inner Temple concerning taking down a shop under the arch of the porch and over against the west door of the Temple Rounds, rebuilt after the fire during this last vacation by William Clarke, a Butler of the Inner Temple, without leave; for a lease of the site and concerning a petition of William Chilton; to report at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 25 Nov., 1681.

Mr. Thursby having laid out 70*l.* in fitting up his Bench Chamber and paid 130*l.* into the Treasury by order of 25 June, 1680, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

The six ancients of the Bench, or any three, are appointed to audit Mr. Whitelock's account.

The committee appointed to consider the particular of damages and alterations presented by Dr. Barbon, reported that the total was 161*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*, and that they had considered this Society's demands from Dr. Barbon for the tofts of many gentlemen four pair of stairs high or in cellar chambers, and for paving the passage from Elme Court to the Cloisters with freestone, which amounted to 263*l.* 18*s.*, but that Dr. Barbon took exception to 72*l.* of the said demands for chambers above four pairs of stairs high, saying that by his articles he was not obliged to satisfy for them. The committee therefore thought that this Society should pave the said passage and satisfy the gentlemen mentioned in the particular, paying their duties; and that Dr. Barbon should be paid 50*l.* in full satisfaction for his said damages. Ordered accordingly.

Mr. G. Mountagu's executors have till the first Parliament in next term to admit some member of the House into his new chamber.

Sir Francis Wythens shall have the Bench Chamber on the west side of Bricke Court, void by Mr. Thomas Smith's death; Mr. Orlibar that lately assigned to Sir Francis Withens, unless some Master, his ancient, shall choose it at next Parliament.

Mr. H. Westlake's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer to settle the differences if he can, or report at next Parliament.

John Playford's petition touching a shop under the arch of the Temple Church porch is referred to Mr. Treasurer to settle with the Inner Temple, or report at next Parliament.

Gentlemen not yet admitted to their new chambers have till the first Parliament of next term given them. Those not admitted then, shall lose one assignment.

Mr. Humphrey Clarke's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden 27 Jan., 1681.

Mr. Whitelock's account is allowed.

Mr. Smith shall have the Bench Chamber by the Hall immediately over the Parliament Chamber, late assigned to Sir Francis Wythens; and Mr. Orlibar that in the Garden Buildings now in possession of Mr. Smith.

The order of last Parliament on John Playford's petition is continued till next Parliament.

Unless those gentlemen mentioned in a schedule presented by the Steward as being 30*s.* in arrear for commons, which now amount to above 500*l.*, pay before Saturday, 4 Feb., their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

The petition of Henry Harvey, bricklayer, and William Blackwell, carpenter, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to mediate between the parties.

Parliament holden 10 Feb., 1681.

Henry Chauncy, knt., Reader elect for next Lent, is confirmed. Francis Wythens, knt., and Mr. Thursby are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. W. Pawlett, T. Medlicott, J. Orlibar, P. Bowes. *Latin.*

On the petition of the executors of Mr. Stuart Foster, it is ordered that Mr. W. Emerton be admitted for life and two assignments into Mr. Foster's late chamber, on the surrender by his executors and payment of his duties.

The orders upon the petitions of Playford, and of Harvey and Blackwell, touching a chamber by Middle Temple Gate, are continued to next Parliament.

The passage from Elme Court to the Cloister shall be paved with Purbeck stone as soon as may be.

Mr. R. Syderfin's petition is referred to next Parliament.

Mr. E. Sabb's petition to be admitted to his new built chamber for life and two assignments, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. C. Nowis' petition that he and Mr. Pagett may be admitted into new built chambers for life and two assignments, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to hear them and Dr. Barbon.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to allow them as last year.

Mr. R. Tash's petition is also referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden 5 May, 1682.

The orders concerning Messrs. R. Tash, R. Syderfin, Hervey and Blackwell are continued to next Parliament.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to gratify Mr. Morgan for the map of London and Westminster presented by him.

The petition of Mr. J. Tate, an ancient of the Utter Bar, is referred to Mr. Treasurer and two or more Masters of the

Bench, to end the matters between him and Dr. Barbon, or to report at next Parliament.

The petition of John Foltropp, carpenter, for 150*l.* due to him, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Another petition from the same that 14*l.* 11*s.* is due to him for building a chamber fronting Middle Temple Lane, is referred to the standing committee for building, with the addition of Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament. They are also desired to report concerning a void piece of ground adjoining Twiford's shop by the Cloister, designed by Dr. Barbon for a shop.

Unless gentlemen mentioned in a schedule presented by the Steward as owing 30*s.* for commons, pay before Wednesday 24 May, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

As the building over the Cloister is finished, and most of the chambers either sold or contracted for, persons interested must procure themselves to be admitted before the last Parliament in Trinity Term. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

The Under-Treasurer is required to search how Sir Henry Calthorpe was placed on the rolls after being Recorder of London. Precedents from other Inns of Court are wanted by next Parliament.

Messrs. T. Dickins, J. Cowslade, N. Wade, R. Warren, B. Tonstall, B. Wade,* T. Scott, C. Bolle, J. Quicke, J. Hoblyn, and G. Maunsell are proposed for the call to the Bar.

Parliament holden 26 May, 1682.

The orders concerning Mr. R. Siderfin, Hervey and Blackwell are continued to next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Northey, Lechmere, Wallop, Staples, Johnson, Smith, Bowes, Orlibar, and Entwisle, or any three, are appointed a committee to re-examine the difference between Mr. Tate and Dr. Barbon, to discover the just admeasurement of Mr. Tate's old chamber and what the present building is, to end the difference, or to report at next Parliament.

As the schedule for commons eaten in the Hall shows that the debt amounts to above 500*l.*, it is ordered that all gentlemen in arrears of 30*s.* shall pay before the first Parliament

* Altered from E. Manning.

of next term, otherwise their chambers will be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen to-morrow.

The matter of Mr. Recorder is referred to next Parliament.

Messrs. P. Atkins, T. Hayne, J. Harvey, G. Weneene, W. Hall, H. Mackworth, W. Hurton, W. Cooke, R. Northleigh, T. Dickins, P. Farely, R. Warren, R. Gunn, J. Cowslade, J. Hoblyn, G. Maunsell, C. Bolle, N. Wade, T. Scott, B. Wade, J. Quick, T. Pitt, H. Langford, and W. Spry are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Mr. B. Tonstall is proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

No person shall be proposed for the call to the Bar who is not of six years' standing in the House.

Sir Henry Chauncy having laid out 100*l.* in fitting up his Bench Chamber and paid 100*l.* into the Treasury by order of 25 June, 1680, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

Mr. R. Holcott's petition touching his chamber by the Church is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 16 June, 1682.

The order concerning Mr. R. Syderfin is continued to next Parliament.

The order concerning Mr. Tate and Dr. Barbon is continued to next Parliament.

The matter of Mr. Recorder is to be considered at next Parliament. It is not to be determined by less than twelve Masters of the Bench.

The order on Mr. R. Holcott's petition is also continued to next Parliament.

Parliament holden 30 June, 1682.

Mr. William Pawlett, Reader elect for next Summer, is confirmed. Mr. Thursby and Henry Chauncy, knt., are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. T. Medlicott, J. Orlibar, P. Bowes, N. Archbold. *Latin.*

The order concerning Mr. R. Syderfin is continued to next Parliament.

Mr. Tate shall have the chamber two pair of stairs over the

Cloister next to Mr. Mulsoe's, paying Dr. Barbon for building and melioration.

In pursuance of an order of last Parliament, Sir George Treby shall take place according to his call and coming up to the Bench.

The order on Mr. R. Holcott's petition is continued to next Parliament.

Mr. T. Lake's case touching satisfaction for part of his burnt chamber four pair of stairs over the Cloister, is referred to Mr. Treasurer and two Masters of the Bench whom he shall call to his assistance, to settle the matter between him and Dr. Barbon, or to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to have the chimney in Mr. Medlicott's Bench Chamber repaired this vacation.

Robert Harvey shall henceforth be called the waiter on the Bench.

At the request of Mr. Serjeant Rawlins, father of Mr. E. Rawlins, who was admitted into a chamber in Garden Court for life and two assignments, and died about a year since, some gentleman of the House shall be forthwith admitted thereto for life and one assignment at the usual fine, and his executors shall have two years to sell the chamber on the surrender of him now to be admitted for a life and one assignment, paying such moderate fine as Mr. Treasurer shall think reasonable.

John Young's fine is remitted.

The petitions of John Smith, William Birt, and Richard Ayres are referred to Mr. Treasurer.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to continue this vacation for the performance of exercises as long as he shall see cause.

Parliament holden 27 Oct., 1682.

Mr. Thomas Medlicott is elected Reader for next Lent, and Mr. John Orlibar for next Summer. *Latin.*

Mr. Edward Smith is chosen to succeed Sir Francis Wythens as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Messrs. J. Tate and C. Porter are called to the Bench in order to their reading.

Mr. Roger North, being made of the King's Counsel by patent, is called to the Bench.

The order concerning Mr. R. Syderfin is continued to next Parliament.

Mr. R. Holcott's petition for leave to proceed in building his chambers between the Cloisters and the Church, and to have some compensation for his losses, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The order concerning Mr. T. Lake is continued. The committee are empowered to proceed *ex parte*, if Dr. Barbon does not attend them on notice.

No member of this House shall be called to the Bench till he has been fifteen years of the Bar, unless he shall be of the King's Counsel or dignified by some other such like character.

Mr. Treasurer may give John Foltropp, carpenter, a lease of a slip of ground between Vine Court and the Cloisters, whereof Dr. Barbon was to have a lease for fifty-one years at a peppercorn rent, and for part of which ground, whereon two shops are now built, he had contracted with him, with a proviso not to assign it without leave.

The petition of Mr. Chapman, the Chief Butler, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden 24 Nov., 1682.

On Mr. Treasurer's report, Mr. R. Holcott is given leave to rebuild his chambers between the Cloisters and the Church, according to the model now presented, and to take down the old wall on which the chamber stands, as far as it is defective, so as he works it up again substantially at his own charge. As he has been thrice stopped in building, and thereby put to much loss, the former rent of 40*s.* shall be abated, and 5*l.* allowed him.

On report of the committee, Mr. T. Lake shall be admitted to his chamber over the Cloisters, and shall detain 7*l.* 7*s.* for his burnt toft.

Messrs. North, Wallop, Ettricke, Staples, and Johnson, or any three, are appointed to audit Sir Francis Wythen's account.

Mr. R. Ashfeild is called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Mr. R. Power, on great recommendation to Mr. Treasurer, is called to the same degree, but to pay his duties and be admitted into a chamber before being published. Mr. B. Tunstall is likewise called, but not to be published till Mr. Treasurer is satisfied that his name is struck out of the roll of Clerks in Chancery with the Master of the Rolls.

Mr. Edmond Saunders being made of the King's Counsel by patent, is called to the Bench.

Thomas Silvester, Second Butler, shall be Chief Butler in place of William Chapman, deceased.

John Blyth shall be Puisne Butler on Mr. Treasurer's nomination.

The petition of Mr. Butler Buggin and Richard Lugg, stating that the ancients of New Inn, considering the ruinous condition of the Hall and front, desire the Benchers to grant the petitioners a lease for sixty-three years at 6*l.* a year for rebuilding, is referred with certain articles to three Masters of the Bench, Mr. Treasurer to be one, to report next Friday night.

The same committee is desired to view the passage from Elme Court into Pump Court, and to consider whether it shall be continued, or how to dispose thereof to reimburse the House their charge in making it, and to report on Friday night.

Mr. Roger North is elected Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Thomas Medlicott for next Autumn.

On the petition of Mr. Langton of the Utter Bar, his fine is remitted.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to have a conveyance made of the ground and soil of the Temple from the present trustees, who are but two, to others.

Sir Francis Wythens shall have a week's time for signing some workmen's bills which he could not do without advising with Sir Christopher Wren.

Adjourned to Friday night.

Parliament holden by adjournment 1 Dec., 1682.

A lease shall be made to Mr. Buggin and Mr. Lugg of the parcels of ground mentioned in the articles presented by them, for sixty-three years from Michaelmas last at 6*l.* a year rent. If there is any obstruction from persons interested in the old chambers which are to be pulled down, about demanding unreasonable satisfaction, the Benchers will assist Mr. Buggin and Mr. Lugg.

At the request of divers gentlemen with chambers in Elme Court, the passage into Pump Court shall be considered at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 26 Jan., 1682.

The account of Sir Francis Wythen, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

On Mr. J. Brockett's petition, he shall have an assignment in his chamber next the Great Gate by Fleet Street for such fine as Mr. Treasurer shall think fit. If the gate or the building in which the chamber is are new built, the assignment is to be vacated and the fine repaid.

Mr. R. Holcott shall be allowed 20*l.* instead of 5*l.* if he builds his chamber himself when admitted thereto.

Mr. R. Power, lately called to the degree of the Utter Bar, shall be published without a chamber on giving security to be admitted into a chamber within twelve months, and to keep his vacations meantime. This is not to be drawn into a precedent.

The new conveyance is to be perfected before next Parliament.

The passage between Elme Court and Pump Court shall be continued. Mr. Treasurer is desired to take order that it be kept clean.

The orders imposing a fine of 40*s.* for throwing water and filth out of windows are revived. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Mr. Treasurer or three more Masters of the Bench are appointed a committee to thank Lord Chief Justice Saunders for the 100*l.* which he has presented to them. It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to spend it in plate, putting some inscription thereon.

Mr. Treasurer is to report at next Parliament what linen and pewter has been lately lost.

Messrs. T. Montgomery, S. Travers, R. Hicks, A. Hutchison, S. Cone, J. Evelyn, and T. Mulso are proposed to be called to the Bar at next Parliament.

Noblemen whom Sir Francis Wythens shall affirm to Mr. Treasurer to desire to be admitted, shall be entered into the books of admittances by Mr. Treasurer.

There being a great arrear for commons eaten in the Hall, the Steward is desired to inform Mr. Treasurer of what persons he hath demanded commons and what answer they make, and to receive directions from Mr. Treasurer. The late order for commons shall be fixed on the screen some time in the grand week.

John Foltropp's petition for leave to assign his interest in the shops by the Cloisters, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden 9 Feb., 1682.

Mr. Roger North, Reader elect for next Lent, is confirmed. Henry Chauncy, knt., and Mr. Pawlett are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. T. Medlicott, J. Orlibar, P. Bowes, N. Archbold. *Latin.*

Seeing that vacation Barristers and other gentlemen in commons in vacation times have at their pleasure much exceeded the accustomed commons, whereby apparells have increased contrary to orders and ancient usage, to the offence of the whole body, who think it unreasonable for them to pay the charge of others' excess, it is ordered that gentlemen keeping commons in vacation time shall keep to the ancient and accustomed commons of the House and no other. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Mr. P. Sheppard has leave to transfer his chamber in Essex Court, which he lately bought of the House with two assignments, as he has it.

The order about lost pewter and linen is continued to next Parliament.

Mr. Walter Williams has leave to nominate any member of the House to be admitted to his new built chamber, with two assignments.

If Messrs. S. Ward, W. Swaine, and H. Milborne do not procure themselves to be admitted to their new built chambers before the first Parliament of next term, they shall lose an assignment. This order shall be peremptory. If Mr. Ward be not admitted in the said time, the chamber shall be seized. Mr. Treasurer is desired to consider the petition of Harvey and Blackwell, workmen who built Mr. Ward's chamber above two years past, before Mr. Ward or any other on his surrender is admitted thereto.

The petition of Robert Harvey, waiter on the Bench, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Whereas by ancient orders every member ought to be admitted to his chamber within three months after contract, it is ordered that Messrs. F. Leigh and J. Jekyll having about a year since contracted with Messrs. J. Lulls and J. Etkins for their chambers, must be admitted within a fortnight.

Messrs. T. Montgomerie, S. Travers, R. Hicks, A. Hutchison,

S. Cone, J. Evelyn, T. Mulso, C. Constantine, T. Miller, G. Bowes, and N. Osborne are called to the degree of the Utter Bar of grace, but none to be published till he has paid his duties and been admitted into a chamber.

In pursuance of a former order, Mr. Treasurer, Mr. Staples, Sir Henry Chauncy, Messrs. Medlicott, Archbold, Tate, and Porter, or any three, are appointed a committee to view Mr. George Bohey's chamber in New Inn, to consider the value of it, and to order its pulling down if necessary, that the new building may not be obstructed.

On Mr. H. Higden's petition, his expulsion for setting up a gaming Christmas is vacated, and he shall be restored on paying his duties and giving a new bond.

Parliament holden 27 April, 1683.

Mr. Treasurer and any three Masters of the Bench are appointed a committee to inquire into the disorders of last vacation, and the excesses in commons, and who were most offending; also of remedies for the future, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Sands Lechmere has power to transfer his chamber in Elme Court for a life and one assignment.

Mr. Sampson Ward's new built chamber is to be seized and sold. Mr. Treasurer is to consider the petition of the workmen who pretend that they are yet unpaid for building it.

The order that Mr. W. Swaine shall lose one assignment in his new built chamber by the Great Gate for not procuring himself to be admitted, is confirmed.

Mr. H. Milborne has time given him to be admitted to his new built chamber till the first Parliament of next term.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to discover whether Mr. W. Bankes is living, to remove the very offensive persons in his chamber, and to seize it for his great arrears of duties.

If Messrs. F. Leigh and J. Jekyll are not admitted to their chambers in a fortnight, their chambers will be seized before next Parliament.

Sir Francis Wythens has power to transfer his chamber in the Lamb Buildings for a life and one assignment.

Mr. North shall have the Bench Chamber in Brick Court, void by Sir Francis Wythens being made a Serjeant and a Justice of the King's Bench.

Unless gentlemen mentioned in the Steward's schedule as 40*s.* in arrears for commons, pay before the last Wednesday in this term, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

On the petition of Edmund Ball, Thomas Ford, and John Young, 20*s.* each shall be given them.

Mr. Bailes and Mr. Hervey are left to agree between themselves on the matter of Mr. Bailes' petition and papers now presented.

Mr. J. Hulker's request to enlarge the window of his chamber toward the fountain is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

A building shall be erected on the north-east side of the fountain where an old banqueting house stood lately. The room, even with the floor of Mr. Rock's chamber, shall be built by him at his charge, and annexed to his chamber; he shall have the same interest in it as in his chamber. The room one pair of stairs high, shall be annexed to the Bench Chamber in Mr. Northey's possession. The room two pair of stairs high, shall be annexed to Mr. North's chamber, and built by him at his charge, he to have the same estate therein as in his chamber. The room three pair of stairs high, shall be annexed to Mr. S. Brodricke's chamber, with the same estate as in his chamber if he thinks fit to come in as a builder; otherwise Mr. North is to build it and have it. Mr. Treasurer is to take care that the lights of the adjoining building are not prejudiced by the new building, and to dispose of the lowest underground room to the best advantage.

Messrs. J. Soley, G. Rivers, W. Sargeant, W. Stokes, S. Harcourt, L. Diggs, E. Strode, T. Gent, and J. Nowes are proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament. Any not of six years' standing are to be struck out.

Parliament holden 18 May, 1683.

The order to examine the excesses in commons last vacation is continued.

Any person who shall not procure himself to be admitted into his newly built chamber before the first Parliament in Michaelmas Term, shall lose a second assignment. This order is to be fixed on the screen to-morrow and next term.

Mr. W. Bankes' chamber is ordered to be sold. Any overplus after paying his duties shall be kept for him that hath right to claim it.

The order touching Mr. F. Leigh to be admitted to his chamber, is continued to next Parliament.

Messrs. R. Pulleyn, G. Pert, T. Newcomen, J. Nowes, W. Sargeant, R. Siderfin, A. Thornton, J. Wheeler, L. Diggs, W. Stokes, E. Strode, G. Rivers, J. Hayes, T. Gent, J. Hulker, F. Goldegay, W. Bendy, J. Soley, S. Harcourt, E. Swift, J. Astry, and W. Knight are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

If Messrs. S. Daniell, T. Saltren, E. Anderson, V. Radford, E. Mannyn, and T. Dickins qualify themselves before the last Parliament of next term, the Benchers will consider whether to call them to the Bar.

Mr. North having paid 200*l.* into the Treasury, in pursuance of an order of 25 June, 1680, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

The Communion table shall continue where it now is, and the second service shall be read at it.

The seven senior Masters of the Bench, or any five, are appointed a committee to examine the great affront offered to Mr. Treasurer by Dr. Ball, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. W. Northcote is fined 10*l.* for failing to read at New Inn in Hilary Term last. His bond shall be put in suit for recovery thereof, and of his duties and commons eaten in the Hall.

Sir Richard May being made a Baron of the Exchequer, is called to the Bench in order to reading in his course. He is to sit upon exercises in his turn according to his antiquity, but to take place at the Bench table and in the Parliament Chamber according to his dignity. He is to pay his duties, and deposit 50*l.* in lieu of a chamber until he has performed his reading.

Parliament holden 8 June, 1683.

The order to examine the excesses in vacation commons is continued.

The order of last Parliament is repealed as to those persons who were not of six years' standing when it was made.

The order touching the Communion table and the second service is to be further considered at next Parliament.

The order to examine Dr. Ball's affront to Mr. Treasurer is continued.

Mr. North shall have the Bench Chamber in Essex Court

vacant by Mr. Johnson's death. The disposal of the Bench Chamber in Brick Court left by Mr. North, is referred to next Parliament.

Parliament holden 22 June, 1683.

Mr. Thomas Medlicott, Reader elect for next Summer, is confirmed. Messrs. Pawlett and North are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. J. Orlibar, P. Bowes, N. Archbold, and Sir P. Hart. *Latin.*

Mr. E. Anderson is called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

On further debate, their Masterships declare themselves satisfied in the placing of the Communion table where now it is.

Mr. Orlibar shall have the Bench Chamber in Brick Court late assigned to Mr. North, and Mr. Bowes that in Garden Buildings now left by Mr. Orlibar.

James Astry, esq., a Master of the Chancery in Ordinary, shall be associated to the Bench. It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to make a composition with him for his vacations and assignments upon his call to the Bar.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to abridge next vacation from the end of the first week in August as he shall see cause, so as the vacationers keep to the commons of the House and from other excesses.

Mr. Treasurer has power to sell the moiety of a chamber in the Garden Buildings, void by Mr. J. Morden's death, with an assignment.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to increase the gardener's allowance.

Mr. B. James' petition to have "two failers" in his assignment this term remitted, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to view a chimney built by Mr. Goring Ball of which Mr. J. Wright and others in Brick Court complain, and to do thereupon as he shall see cause.

John Smyth's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

If Mr. Sampson Ward does not within a week after notice pay his duties to the House and what is due to the workmen who built his new chamber by the Gate, and procure himself to be admitted; Mr. Treasurer is to pay the workmen with the money for which he has sold the chamber, commons and duties being first discharged.

Parliament holden 26 Oct., 1683.

Mr. John Orlibar is elected Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Paul Bowes for next Summer. *Latin.*

Mr. Roger North is chosen to succeed Mr. Edward Smith as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Messrs. A. Weldon and W. Walcott are called to the Bench in order to their reading, but Mr. Walcott's attendance is respited till Easter Term.

Mr. North shall have the Bench Chamber in Essex Court vacant by Mr. Northey's death, and Mr. Thursby that in the same buildings late assigned to Mr. North. That in Pumpe Court left by Mr. Thursby is referred to next Parliament.

Henceforward no allowance shall be made for napkins lost, but the Butler and the waiter on the Bench are required to make good the linen under their charge out of their wages.

The Porter shall be allowed 4*l.* to buy him a new gown. It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to provide a watchman to assist the Porter at night this term, and to propose at next Parliament what he judges best for the future.

Mr. J. Cooper's duties are referred to Mr. Treasurer, to be used kindly.

Mr. Archbold has leave to admit any member of the House to his chamber in Elme Court, for a life and two assignments.

The articles of the ancients of New Inn, and the petition of Mr. Butler Buggin and Richard Lugg for leave to build on the north side of New Inn garden, on a lease for sixty-three years from Michaelmas, 1682, at 20*s.* a year, are referred to Mr. Treasurer, to settle the lease, or to report at next Parliament.

Unless gentlemen mentioned in a schedule presented by the Steward as 40*s.* in arrear for commons (the total being above 500*l.*), pay before the last Thursday in this term, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to consider what debts for commons have become desperate, and to pay them out of the Treasury.

Messrs. R. Goodenough, N. Wade, and R. West are expelled, the two former being charged with high treason by the King's proclamation and having fled, and West being notoriously guilty of the same treason. The chambers of Goodenough

and West are to be seized. The names of Mr. J. Trenchard and all members named in the said proclamation shall be presented at next Parliament.

The apparells of last vacation for the weeks wherein commons were signed under 7*s.* a week, shall be cast upon the auditors of commons, for leaving apparells upon the House when commons came under 7*s.* a week. Mr. Treasurer is desired to inspect the book of commons, and to report at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 23 Nov., 1683.

John Thomas, appointed assistant to the Porter, is allowed 8*l.* a year, paid quarterly.

After long debate on Mr. Charles Jennen's petition, he shall be admitted for one life into Mr. Richard Goodenough's late chamber in Garden Court, paying a fine to be fixed by Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Treasurer has power to admit a member of the House nominated by Mr. Robert West to the chamber one pair of stairs over the Cloister for a life and one assignment, the duties on the chamber being first paid.

No Butler or other officer shall put the name of a vacation Barrister into commons unless he personally appears in Hall to take one meal every half week.

Sir Henry Chauncy shall have the Bench Chamber in Pump Court late assigned to Mr. Thursby, Mr. Bowes that in Brick Court left by Sir Henry, and Mr. Archbold that in the Garden Buildings left by Mr. Bowes.

Messrs. Wallop, Staples, Sir Francis Winnington, Mr. Thursby, Sir Henry Chauncy, Mr. Pawlett, and Mr. Medlicott, or any three, are appointed a committee to audit the account of Mr. Smith, the last Treasurer.

Mr. R. Breton's fine for one forfeiture in an assignment is remitted.

On Mr. Smith's recommendation, Mr. Pawlett Barrow, a member of this House, is appointed Library Keeper in place of Mr. Daniel Kerrie, deceased. He shall have the chamber next the roof over the Library late held by Mr. Kerrie, with the same profits as former keepers, and giving security.

Messrs. Wallop, Staples, Pawlett, Archbold, and Gillingham, or any two Masters of the Bench in town, are appointed a committee to inspect the Library, and to report at next Parliament.

As Mr. Serjeant Maynard is the only surviving trustee in the conveyance from Charles Cocks, esq., to this House, Mr. Treasurer is desired to have a new conveyance executed to Masters of the Bench who have read.

Mr. R. Marsh's complaint against Dr. Barbon is referred to Mr. Treasurer to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Medlicott having paid 150*l.*, besides 50*l.* which was accounted for in Mr. Whitlock's Treasurership by order of 25 June, 1680, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

On Mr. M. Malett's petition, the further prosecution of the suit against him as Mr. W. Northcote's surety shall be discharged. Unless Mr. Northcote pays his commons and other duties before the last Parliament of next term, he shall be expelled.

On the petition of Mr. Daniel Kerrie's widow, 5*l.* shall be paid her as a gift.

Mr. Silvester, the Chief Butler, shall have 5*l.* a year instead of a chamber, as Mr. Chapman had.

No new assignments shall be granted in any chambers.

No gaming Christmas shall be kept, nor gaming suffered in the Hall, Parliament Chamber, or buttery. The allowance will be 24*l.* Offenders against this order will be expelled, and officers attending them displaced. The Treasurer and Masters in town are desired to use all means to prevent disorders. The Great Gate of the Middle Temple to Fleet Street shall be shut at 10 P.M., on pain of the Porter losing his place. This order shall be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 25 Jan., 1683.

The account of Mr. Smith, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

Mr. Smith has power to sell part of a chamber over the Library fallen to the House by Mr. J. Morden's death. If the price falls short of 100*l.*, it shall be made up to that sum in lieu of a perquisite.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to appoint two booksellers to survey the Library in the Under-Treasurer's presence, to examine what books are wanting, to make new catalogues, and to place the books in the best order they can. A copy of the catalogue shall be fixed to the keeper's bond.

Dr. Barbon shall allow Mr. R. Marsh 40*s.* on account of the room which he had in his old chamber over the staircase,

and Mr. Marsh, on paying what remains due to Dr. Barbon, shall be admitted to his chamber with two assignments.

The continuing of assignments in chambers already granted on new fines shall be further considered at next Parliament.

No Irish gentlemen shall be admitted generally, nor for a less fine than 5*l.* They must give a bond with two English securities before coming into commons.

Mr. R. Holcott shall have two assignments in his chamber when built. Any difference arising in building, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The breach of the order against a gaming Christmas shall be considered at next Parliament, when it is hoped all the Masters will be present. The Under-Treasurer is required to give notice to Messrs. T. Montgomerie, J. Donelan, J. Nihell, H. Crofton, R. Richardson, D. Egaine, E. Hunter, and E. Malone to attend at next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to report his opinion about building the Great Gate towards Fleet Street at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 8 Feb., 1683.

Mr. John Orlibar, chosen Reader for next Lent, is confirmed. Messrs. Pawlett and Medlicott are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. P. Bowes, N. Archbold, P. Hart, knt., R. Gillingham. *Latin.*

The breach of the order about a gaming Christmas is adjourned till the last Parliament of next term.

The building of the Great Gate towards Fleet Street is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The continuance of assignments in chambers already granted on new fines is adjourned to the last Parliament of next term.

At Dr. Barbon's request, his articles about building are delivered to him to be cancelled. As a testimony of the Society's good acceptance of his service, he is presented with 100 guineas.

The Lent vacation shall be continued till 16 March.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden 18 April, 1684.

On the petition of George Constantine, Grecian, for leave to finish a building, Mr. Treasurer and two Masters are

desired to view it, to inspect Dr. Barbon's articles, and to report at next Parliament.

The petition of Robert Butler, administrator of Goring Ball, esq., deceased, touching a chamber in Bricke Court, is adjourned to next Parliament.

Mr. P. Kirk's chamber shall be sold to pay his commons and duties. Any surplus shall be kept till further orders.

There shall be a roll of collection for the four Serjeants last called, Saunders, Wythens, Byrch, and Pudsey, taxing every member at 3*s.* 4*d.*

The disposal of the shop under the new building on the north side of the fountain is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Messrs. T. Saltren, F. Long, C. Phipps, R. Winne are proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 9 May, 1684.

The order touching George Constantine, Grecian, is continued to next Parliament.

Upon a writing presented by William Ball, sen., esq., stating that the chamber into which his son, William, an infant, stands admitted, was purchased with the money of his brother, Goring Ball, now deceased much indebted, and disclaiming all interest therein, and desiring that Goring Ball's administrator may have the benefit of the sale thereof towards payment of his debts; it is ordered that any member of the House with whom the administrator shall contract, shall be admitted for a life and one assignment.

Messrs. G. Markham, W. Nelson, J. Cuthbert, B. Godwin, C. Vivian, J. Pocklington, T. Saltren, C. Phipps, R. Winne, and T. Ridgway are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Mr. Orlebar having paid 150*l.*, besides 50*l.* in Mr. Johnson's Treasurership, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

The continuance of assignments in chambers already granted upon new fines is adjourned to the last Parliament next term.

Dr. Sherlocke, now Master of the Temple, shall be allowed 70*l.* a year, paid half yearly, in lieu of the chambers and other payments formerly made to Masters; and 20*l.* a year shall be paid to Dr. Ball's executors for half the rent of the house lately built by him and to be used by the present Master. Mr. Ball's agreement with the two Societies about

building and disposing of the said house shall be entered into the book where evidences of that nature are registered.

Mr. D. Hodges having translated himself to this House from Lincoln's Inn, where he was called to the Bar in Easter Term, 1681, is admitted *ad eundem.*

The complaint against a chimney lately built by Mr. B. Tonstall is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Messrs. T. Montgomerie, J. Donelan, J. Nihell, H. Crofton, D. Egaine, R. Richardson, and E. Maloone are expelled for having broken open the doors of the Hall, Parliament Chamber, buttery, and other offices, accompanied with many strangers with halberds and other instruments, and setting up a gaming Christmas.

Parliament holden 30 May, 1684.

On the humble petition of those mentioned in the previous order, it is discharged.

The orders touching Mr. B. Tonstall and George Constantine, Grecian, are continued to next Parliament.

Mr. F. Long and T. Dickins are proposed for the next call to the Bar.

Parliament holden 13 June, 1684.

Mr. Paul Bowes, chosen Reader for next Summer, is confirmed. Messrs. Medlicott and Orlibarr are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Mr. N. Archbold, Sir P. Hart, Mr. R. Gillingham, Sir G. Treby. *Latin.*

The chimney lately made by Mr. B. Tonstall in his cellar and now made use of for a kitchen, must be stopped up and arched as it was before. Mr. Treasurer is desired to warn him to do it before the first Parliament next term.

The encroachment of George Constantine, Grecian, is permitted to stand during pleasure, on his signing a writing to acknowledge the House's right and pay a rent.

Messrs. F. Long and T. Dickins are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

On Mr. W. Nutley's purchasing the part of his chamber fallen to the House by his brother's death, it shall be consolidated, on paying arrears of duties, and in future double duties, all but commons.

On Mr. Barwell's petition, when the Great Gate and the adjoining chambers are pulled down, he has leave to rest the timbers of his house on the Temple Wall when new built, making some acknowledgment.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Ettricke, Smith, Archbold, and Gillingham, or any three, are appointed a committee to view a decay in the Garden Building over the kitchen windows, and Mr. Treasurer is desired to have it mended.

Mr. Treasurer and any four Masters are appointed a committee to treat with gentlemen having chambers in the old building next the Great Gate by Fleet Street, for pulling down the old building and rebuilding the chambers, so that there be no garret chambers nor cellar chambers, but cellars only without chimneys. If the gentlemen will agree to build as the committee direct, they shall have a building interest, viz. two assignments added to their present estate. The committee is empowered to determine disputes.

John Smith's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer to do as formerly.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to appoint some one to take care of the pewter plates used at the Bench table, who shall be answerable for them.

Mr. Treasurer may abridge this next vacation if he sees cause, so as it be not before the Reading Sunday.

Parliament holden 24 Oct., 1684.

Mr. Nicholas Archbold is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Percival Hart, knt., for next Summer. *Latin.*

Mr. William Thursby is chosen to succeed Mr. North as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament in Easter Term.*

Messrs. Edward Crayford and John Proby are called to the Bench in order to their reading.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to appoint some one to take care of the pewter plates used at the Bench table.

The petition of Ford, the Porter, to be allowed for half a year's rent payable to him at Christmas next from some shops at the Gate, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, when he considers of making some allowance to the tenants of the shops while the Gate is building.

The petition of William Hull, stationer, for leave to build

* "In Easter Term" is struck out.

a shop in the passage from Elme Court to Pump Court is referred to Mr. Treasurer, who is desired to speak with the gentlemen of Elme Court, and to report at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 21 Nov., 1684.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to appoint some one to take care of the pewter plates used at the Bench table.

Mr. Bowes having paid 200*l.* by order of 25 June, 1680, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

The five senior Readers of the Bench in town, or any three, are appointed to audit Mr. North's account.

Mr. Oliver Mountagu being made of the King's Counsel by patent, is called to the Bench.

On a message from the Inner Temple and report of the committee, Mr. Treasurer is desired to speak with Smith, organ maker, and to answer the Inner Temple.

The petition of Thomas Edwards, hurt by a stone at the Gate, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

On the petition of Mr. C. Turnor of the Utter Bar, on clearing with Dr. Barbon and discharging the duties in arrear on the three chambers of himself and his brothers; he shall be admitted into his new built chamber in Pumpe Court with three assignments.

As Alexander Wilkinson, Second Butler, John Leithwicke, gardener, and William Phillips, joiner, have rebuilt their shops at the west end of the Hall by Mr. Treasurer's appointment to make them uniform, Mr. Treasurer has power to make new leases to Wilkinson of the corner shop for thirty-one years, and of his other shop for twenty-one years; to Leithwick of his shop for twenty-one years; to Phillips of two shops for twenty-one years, at their present rents; with provisoes not to assign them without licence, that their Masterships have power at any time to resume the shops, giving compensation, and others which Mr. Treasurer shall think fit.

Mr. North's agreement with Mr. Collins and Mr. Carr about their shops at the Great Gate by Fleet Street is confirmed, and Mr. Treasurer has power to make them leases, reserving power to wall up the doors of either opening into Middle Temple Lane, if it is found inconvenient.

Power is reserved to Mr. Treasurer and the Masters of the Bench to pass through Mr. W. Ettrick's chamber over the

Great Gate looking towards Fleet Street, and to use the iron balconies which are to be set up at the House's charge out of his chamber, on any solemnities, or when they see cause.

The usual order forbidding a gaming Christmas.

Parliament holden 23 Jan., 1684.

The account of Mr. North, the last Treasurer, is allowed. Time is given till next Parliament to perfect the schedule of debts for the remaining charge of building the Great Gate and the chambers over it.

The orders about the organ and the leases for the shops are continued.

The order for admitting Mr. C. Turnor with three assignments shall be vacated unless the duties are paid before next Parliament.

John Leithwicke, to avoid noisome smells and the corruption of the air, is forbidden to raise the funnel of his chimney for burning sea coal; and because of danger and blackening the Hall by smoke, nothing but charcoal shall be used in any of the chimneys of the shops at the west end of the Hall. Mr. Treasurer has power to add ten years to Leithwicke's lease.

On petition of Richard Taylor, vintner, Mr. Treasurer has power to make him a new lease of a drain from his house, now "the Divell Taverne," into a "shore" in Middle Temple Lane for twenty-one years as before.

For preventing danger by fire, it is ordered that if any chimney is on fire for want of sweeping, the owner shall forfeit 5*l.* If any laundress, footboy, or other servant lays ashes in any cellar, behind any cellar door or under any staircase, the owner of the chamber to whom the person belongs shall forfeit 5*l.* and the servant shall be turned out and not suffered to attend any chamber. If such penalties are not paid on demand, the chamber shall be seized. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Every vacation Barrister who in vacation time shall take commons in Hall or sit upon any moot there without his gown, shall forfeit that vacation. Every member of the House who shall take commons in Hall in term or vacation, or perform any moot or exercise without his gown, shall forfeit for every offence 13*s.* 4*d.*, which is to be cast into commons. The officer who keeps the paper of commons shall give notice of

such defaulters in term time at the Bench table and in vacations to the Bar mess. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Mr. North, the last Treasurer, shall have the uppermost chamber over the Great Gate in lieu of a perquisite, and power to dispose thereof in whole or parts with two assignments.

Parliament holden 6 Feb., 1684.

Mr. Nicholas Archbold, Reader elect for next Lent, is confirmed. Messrs. Orlebar and Bowes are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—P. Hart, knt., Mr. R. Gillingham, G. Treby, knt., Mr. J. Entwisle. *Latin.*

On Mr. Treasurer's report that 316*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.* are allowed by Sir Christopher Wren and Mr. North to Shorthose, mason, for work at the Great Gate by Fleet Street, 170*l.* to Lem, bricklayer, and 53*l.* 9*s.* 2*d.* to Woodstocke, carpenter; these sums are to be added to the schedule of debts. Time is given to next Parliament to perfect the said schedule.

Parliament holden 8 May, 1685.

Further time is given till next Parliament to perfect the schedule of debts for work done at the Great Gate.

On petition of Mr. W. Ettricke of the Utter Bar, another assignment shall be added to his estate in his chamber, the first floor over the Great Gate by Fleet Street.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Treasurer has power to make Mr. Richard Gower a new lease of a drain from his houses in Crosse Keys Court into a drain of this House, through Essex Court toward the Thames, for twenty-one years as before.

Mr. George Tipping, being now in Devonshire, shall have till the last Parliament of next term to be admitted into Mr. P. Atkins' chamber in Essex Court, for which he has contracted. In default, the chamber shall be seized.

Mr. H. Croke's chamber near Inner Temple Lane, which he held for a life and one assignment, shall be seized unless his executor procures some member of this House to be admitted thereinto before next Parliament. Since he died above a year ago, no one has come to be admitted thereto.

Messrs. W. Earle, W Davy, W. Turton, J. Hoo, W. Potell,

H. North, and E. Nurse are proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

There being 586*l.* in arrear for commons eaten in the Hall, in future no member shall be permitted to owe for more than what he has taken in one term and vacation, nor for a longer time than to the end of one term and vacation next after the debt shall accrue. If any persons owing more than this, come into commons, the Steward and Chief Butler must give their names to the Bench table, and their Masterships are desired to warn them to come no more into commons till their arrears are paid. If these are not forthwith paid, the Treasurer shall cause their bonds to be put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 29 May, 1685.

Further time is given to next Parliament to perfect the schedule of debts for the Great Gate by Fleet Street.

The order concerning the chamber of Mr. H. Croke, deceased, is continued to next Parliament.

Mr. Archbold having paid 150*l.*, besides 50*l.* in Mr. North's Treasurership, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

On petition by Mr. P. Ventroys of the Utter Bar, an assignment is added to his estate for life in his chamber, being the moiety of the second floor over the Great Gate by Fleet Street, and to be without fine, in respect of his damage by rebuilding the Gate.

On petition of Mr. J. Bernard of the Utter Bar, the fines on two failures in his second assignment are reduced to 20*s.* if paid presently.

Mr. Treasurer has power to make Mr. Edward East a new lease of a drain from his house called *The Elephant and Castle* into a drain of this House through Essex Court towards the Thames for twenty-one years, as before.

Messrs. W. Lowther, E. Nourse, W. Freke, C. Wheeler, W. Vincent, T. Chute, T. Brigstocke, E. Williams, W. Turton, J. Hickes, T. Bagnall, W. Earle, J. Hoo, and W. Davy are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Messrs. H. North and J. Medlicott are called of grace.

Mr. Henry Holcott's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Adjourned to Tuesday night to consider about the organ.

Parliament holden by adjournment 2 June, 1685.

Considering the tedious competition between the two organ makers about fitting an organ for the Church, and both organs now standing in the Church having been several times compared as they played several Sundays one after the other and as they have lately played on the same Sunday alternately at the same service, and being pressed for a determination by members of the Society, and in justice to the workmen; the Masters of the Bench declare unanimously that the organ made by Bernard Smith for sweetness and fulness of sound, besides the extraordinary stops, quarter notes, and other rarities therein, is beyond comparison preferable to the organ made by —— Harris; that it is more ornamental and substantial, and both for depth of sound and strength fitter for the use of the Church. Therefore, on account of the excellency and perfection of Smith's organ, and because he was the workman first employed by the Treasurers of both Societies, and because Harris's organ is discernibly too low and weak for the Church, the Benchers see no cause of further delay nor need of reference to musicians, and unanimously choose Smith's organ. Mr. Treasurer is desired to acquaint the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple with their choice.

Parliament holden 19 June, 1685.

On Mr. Treasurer's report, 172*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.* due to workmen for work at the Great Gate and allowed by Sir Christopher Wren and Mr. North, are added to the schedule of debts.

The order touching Mr. Holcott is continued to next Parliament.

The order for reducing Mr. J. Bernard's fines is discharged if the money be not paid upon demand.

Mr. E. Lisle, who has contracted with Mr. W. Norris for a chamber three pair of stairs on the north side of Brick Court, and has not been admitted, is ordered to show cause at the next Parliament why the chamber should not be seized.

Mr. R. Hickes' forfeiture is remitted, as his two weeks' absence in two vacations was occasioned by sickness.

William Birt's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Adjourned to Tuesday night.

Parliament holden by adjournment 23 June, 1685.

It is referred to the *Quatuor*, who shall be in commons at the Bench table to-morrow, to give an answer to the paper sent from the table of the Inner Temple Bench.

Mr. Smith, the organ maker, shall be paid 100*l.* If his organ be accepted by both Societies, this sum is to be in part payment of this House's moiety, but if not accepted, it shall be a gratuity. Mr. Treasurer is desired to have a case of wainscot made for the organ according to Mr. Smith's desire.

Adjourned to Friday night.

Parliament holden by adjournment 26 June, 1685.

Mr. Treasurer, Sir Richard May, Mr. North, and Mr. Mountagu are appointed a committee to state in writing the matters in difference with the Inner Temple about the choice of an organ, and humbly pray the Lord Keeper's determination.

Adjourned to Tuesday after supper.

Parliament holden 3 July, 1685.

Percivall Hart, knt., Reader elect for next Summer, is confirmed. Messrs. Bowes and Archbold are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Mr. R. Gillingham, G. Treby, knt., Mr. J. Entwisle, Mr. F. Morgan. *Latin.*

The order touching Mr. Holcott is continued.

The order for reducing Mr. J. Bernard's fines is discharged.

The order touching Mr. W. Lisle is made absolute. His chamber in Bricke Court is to be seized, unless he procures himself to be admitted in a fortnight after notice.

John Smith's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer to do as usual.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to view the ground chamber of Mr. J. Cowslade of the Utter Bar, next the Great Gate by Fleet Street, which he asks to have repaired or to have leave to turn it into a shop; and to do what he thinks best.

Mr. G. Tipping is allowed till the first Parliament in next term to be admitted to his chamber, if it shall appear by affidavit that he is serving in the King's army.

The petition of Mr. T. Carthew, a member of this House,

for leave to put Mr. James Donelan's bond in suit, for whom he is surety, and who is in debt about 7*l.*, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The petition of the vacation Barristers to dispense with this next vacation, because of the rebellion and troubles in the West, where many of them dwell, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden 23 Oct., 1685.

Mr. Oliver Mountagu is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Charles Porter for next Summer. *Latin.*

Sir Henry Chauncy is chosen to succeed Mr. William Thursby as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Mr. J. Bernard's bond is ordered to be put in suit for his fines and arrears for commons and other duties, unless paid before next Parliament.

As the Steward's schedule shows that 542*l.* is owed for commons, gentlemen mentioned therein as owing 3*l.* for commons must pay before next Parliament, otherwise their chambers will be seized, or bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

On Mr. J. Cowslade's surrendering his right in his chamber adjoining the Great Gate by Fleet Street on the east side of the lane, which is now turned into a shop; Mr. Treasurer may make a lease thereof to Mr. Cowslade's tenant for twenty-one years at 20*s.* a year rent.

Mr. Treasurer is to examine the encroachment by the inhabitants of the house next the Great Gate on the east side in Fleet Street by making a cellar from their house under Mr. Cowslade's chamber, and to dispose of the cellar as best he can.

On the petition of Mrs. Collins, widow, an ancient tenant of a shop on the east side of the Great Gate in Fleet Street, her quarter's rent due at Lady-day last is remitted.

Mr. J. Hussey is proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 27 Nov., 1685.

On Mr. J. Bernard's petition and Mr. Treasurer's intercession, 20*s.* is accepted in discharge of his two failures in assignment.

The order touching Mr. Barwell's encroachment near the

Great Gate is continued, and referred to the present Treasurer as to the last.

Sir Percivall Hart having paid 200*l.* by order of 25 June, 1680, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

Mr. J. Hussey is called to the degree of the Utter Bar, and Mr. W. Peirson on recommendation by the Lord Chancellor, of grace.

The six senior Readers of the Bench in town, or any three, are appointed a committee to audit the account of Mr. Thursby, late Treasurer.

Mr. Thursby shall be paid 100*l.* in lieu of a perquisite.

If Mr. W. Norris pays all duties in arrear without abatement before next Parliament, the seizure of his chamber shall be remitted and the padlock taken off. Private contracts for chambers by way of mortgage are disallowed. The owners of chambers making them shall be liable to fines.

Mr. F. Barrell has leave to surrender his chamber in Pump Court and to admit himself into another chamber in the passage into Elme Court, but to pay duties for each chamber meantime.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to find out whether the person who sets out Mercurys and keeps an office of intelligence so-called, continues to lodge at the west end of the hall.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to hinder any building on any part of the garden now in Dr. Sherlocke's possession.

Mr. Bernard's petition about his cellar is referred to Mr. Treasurer to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer has power to make John Lucas, stationer, a new lease, on surrender of the present lease, of his shop in Essex Court, for thirty-one years, at the same rent.

On the petitions of Edmund Ball, Panierman, and Thomas Ford, Porter, 10*l.* is given to Ball, and 4*l.* to Ford.

Gentlemen of the Utter Bar shall be fined 3*s.* 4*d.* each, for neglect of attendance on their Masterships at this Parliament.

The usual order prohibiting a gaming Christmas. The Great Gate to Fleet Street shall be shut at 10 P.M. every night. The order is to be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 29 Jan., 1685.

If Sir William Drake, landlord of the house from which the cellar was made under Mr. Cowslade's late chamber, makes

good the Society's wall which was cut away, and gives an acknowledgment of the House's right to the cellar, he and his under-tenants may use it for 5*s.* a year during pleasure.

The account of Mr. Thursby, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

Dr. Echard is appointed Lecturer, with the same salary as Dr. Griffith and Mr. Buck.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to nominate six Masters at the Bench table as a committee to meet the like number of Benchers of the Inner Temple to-morrow after supper, and to desire an answer touching the organs.

Part of the cellar late assigned to Mr. R. Siderfin on his surrender shall be united to that part of the cellar belonging to Mr. J. Bernard's chamber in the passage into Elme Court, to be consolidated with his said chamber, on condition that no chimney is made in the cellar.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to look into Dr. Ball's will to see what is bequeathed towards new casting the bells in the Temple Round.

Mr. Treasurer is to view the buildings erected on the side of the north Churchyard toward Fleet Street, and to find what encroachments have been made on the ancient boundary wall of the Temples; to consider the nuisance done to the present Master from Falcon Court or any of the inhabitants towards Fleet Street; and to confer with the Treasurer of the Inner Temple.

The last order for payment of commons is to be fixed on the screen on Monday.

Mr. J. Malett is called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

No Treasurer shall henceforth have power to spend more than 50*l.* in any one work. If he do, he shall bear the overplus.

Robert Harvey's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to consider him for the loss of linen and to settle matters between him and the Butlers to prevent all pretence of loss in future. The former order is to continue.

Parliament holden 5 Feb., 1685.

The order concerning Sir William Drake is continued.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. North, Mountagu, Porter, Staples, Thursby, and Pawlett, or any four, are appointed a committee to state in writing the difference between this Society and the Inner Temple about the choice of an organ, and to report to

Parliament on Friday. The Lord Chancellor shall be applied to for his determination.

Mr. Oliver Mountagu, chosen Reader for next Lent, is confirmed. Mr. Archbold and Percivall Hart, knt., are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Mr. R. Gillingham, George Treby, knt., Mr. J. Entwisle, Mr. F. Morgan. *Latin.*

Mr. W. Cooke of the Utter Bar shall be readmitted to his chamber on the south side of Brick Court for life and one assignment, without fine.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Adjourned to Friday next.

Parliament holden by adjournment 17 Feb., 1685.

The state of the case touching the organs presented by Mr. Treasurer is approved of. Mr. Treasurer and three Masters of the Bench of the King's Counsel, or in their absence such others as he shall call, are appointed a committee to attend the Lord Chancellor with the said state of the case on Friday next, or as soon after as convenient.

Parliament holden 23 April, 1686.

The order touching Sir William Drake is continued.

Mr. Roger Gillingham is appointed Reader for next Summer.

Mr. W. Porter is called to the degree of the Utter Bar. His vacations and assignments are remitted. Mr. J. Killingworth is called of grace to the same degree.

At the request of Sir Charles Porter, Lord Chancellor in Ireland, Mr. William Porter, his brother, has leave to transfer his ground chamber in Vine Court with his present estate, a life and two assignments.

Messrs. F. Wilkinson, W. Wharton, G. Tipping, E. Woodward, W. Feake, and J. Stratford, first, are proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

On Alexander Wilkinson's petition, Mr. Treasurer may make him a lease of his corner shop at the west end of the Hall without the proviso for resuming the shop on giving compensation, but with a proviso that no tenant or lessee under Wilkinson shall use any trade without their Masterships' approbation first obtained.

Parliament holden 14 May, 1686.

The order touching Sir William Drake is continued.

Mr. Mountagu having paid 200*l.* by order of 25 June, 1680, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

Messrs. W. Emerton, F. Barrell, G. Browne, R. Dennis, R. Richardson, F. Wilkinson, W. Wharton, E. Woodward, W. Feake, A. Staples, H. Higden, and H. Chauncy are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Messrs. G. Tipping and J. Stratford, first, are called of grace.

Anne Kirke's petition for 6*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.* overplus on the sale of the chamber of her brother, Philip Kirke, who is lunatic, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden 4 June, 1686.

The order touching Sir William Drake is continued.

Messrs. T. Carthew and J. Childe are called to the degree of the Utter Bar of grace.

Mr. D. Long is proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament, he procuring himself to be admitted into a chamber meantime.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to view a stack of chimneys on the south-west corner of Elme Court said to be in much decay, and to require the owners of the chambers to which they belong to join in their repair.

The calling of Mr. J. Snow, prothonotary in Chancery, an associate to the Bench, having been proposed, is referred to next Parliament.

Parliament holden 18 June, 1686.

Mr. Roger Gillingham, chosen Reader for next Summer, is confirmed. Percivall Hart, knt., and Mr. Mountagu are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—George Treby, knt., Messrs. J. Entwisle, F. Morgan, S. Kecke. *Latin.*

The order touching Sir William Drake is continued.

Mr. D. Long is called of grace to the degree of the Utter Bar.

On debate, it is not thought fit to call Mr. Snow to be an associate.

John Smith's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to abridge this next vacation if he sees cause, so as it be not before the first Monday after the reading week.

Mr. Treasurer, accepting a chamber near the Church porch, late Mr. Francis Woodward's, as his perquisite, has power to transfer it to any member of the House with an assignment.

Messrs. Smith, Staples, Pawlett, Archbold, Sir Percivall Hart, and Mr. Crayford, or any three, or any other Master of the Bench who may please to come, are appointed a committee to consider of regulating commons, and to report at the last Parliament of next term.

Parliament holden 29 Oct., 1686.

George Treby, knt., is elected Reader for next Lent, and Mr. John Entwisle for next Summer. *Latin.*

Mr. Oliver Mountagu is chosen to succeed Sir Henry Chauncy as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

The order touching Sir William Drake is continued.

Mr. Edward Smith has leave to use the gallery next his Bench Chamber as his predecessors did; but Mr. Treasurer is to have a key of the gallery door, and to see that nothing is placed there offensive in his judgment.

Another 100*l.* shall be paid to Mr. Smith, organ maker. If the organ is accepted, this is to be in part payment for this House, but if not, it shall be a gratuity.

Sarah Shelton's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden 26 Nov., 1686.

On request of Lady Ash, her son, Sir Joseph Ash, shall be admitted into the ground chamber on the west side of Essex Court, where the Custos Brevium office is now kept, in place of Lord Richard Boteler, deceased, who had been admitted for a life and one assignment.

The order touching Sir William Drake is continued.

On petition of Mr. Stacy, Curate and Reader in the Temple Church, 10*l.* shall be paid him as a gift.

On petition of Mr. N. Wade and the signification of the King's pleasure by the Lord Chancellor, the order for his expulsion is vacated, and he shall be restored on giving a new bond.

The six senior Readers of the Bench in town, or any three, and any other Master who pleases, are appointed to audit Sir Henry Chauncy's account.

Mr. J. Launce's bond being put in suit for commons eaten in Hall and for great arrears of duties on the rolls, Mr. G. Jones, one of his sureties, has applied for some abatement of the said duties and charges. On Mr. Jones paying the duties and charges of suit, Mr. Launce's name shall be left out of the rolls; and if Mr. Jones can make it appear that Mr. Launce died before the term for which he is now charged, he shall be repaid what he has paid more than to the time of Mr. Launce's death.

Mr. R. Gillingham having paid 50*l.* in Mr. Whitlock's Treasurership, and now 150*l.* by order of 25 June, 1680, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

The Treasurer and ancients of New Inn are required to attend the first Parliament of next term to answer the complaint of Mr. E. Cooke, Reader at New Inn, for neglecting to attend on him in his performance of that office. Mr. Cooke and the students who went with him, are also desired to attend.

On Mr. N. Still's petition, his chamber under the clock shall be seized, and when the season shall permit, the roof and gutters shall be repaired and new tiled and the chamber sold. The overplus beyond the duties owing by him, shall be paid to him.

The usual order forbidding a gaming Christmas.

Parliament holden 28 Jan., 1686.

The account of Sir Henry Chauncy, last Treasurer, is allowed.

The order touching Sir William Drake is continued.

On petition of Mary Collins, widow, she shall be allowed out of her rent 4*l.* 17*s.*, which she has spent for new flooring the cellar under her shop and altering the stairs.

William Birt's widow shall have a gift of 3*l.*

On petition of William Bridges and John Stratford, gent., who have contracted with the executor of Alexander Denton, esq., for his chamber in the Churchyard, it shall be divided into two separate chambers, each having his life and one assignment in his part.

The last order for payment of commons is to be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 11 Feb., 1686.

George Treby, Knt., chosen Reader for next Lent, is confirmed. Messrs. Mountagu and Gillingham are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. J. Entwisle, F. Morgan, S. Kecke, A. Weldon. *Latin.*

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Alexander Wilkinson's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

The order touching Sir William Drake is continued.

Parliament holden 15 April, 1687.

The order touching Sir William Drake is continued.

Mr. Treasurer has power to make a lease to Michael Harrison of a shop by the storehouse in Middle Temple Lane, late in possession of Edmund Herne, his father-in-law, at 4*l.* rent a year for thirty years, if he live so long.

The last order for payment of commons is to be fixed on the screen, and Mr. Treasurer is desired to see it put in execution.

On surrender by Mr. B. Jeffryes of his chamber in Garden Court, Mr. Treasurer may admit the son of Sir Francis Winnington, a Master of the Bench, for a life and two assignments.

Messrs. R. Wolcombe, R. Dighton, W. Wickham, L. Pagitt, J. Acton, W. Monington, C. Trinder, R. Pate, T. Aston, G. Coxeter, P. Brydall, J. Birch, T. Medlicott, J. Stratford, second, and J. Radcliffe are proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 6 May, 1687.

Sir Richard May being ancient to Mr. Weldon, shall continue so to all purposes.

The last order imposing a fine on any chamber whence water or filth is thrown, is ordered to be fixed on the screen.

Sir George Treby having paid 200*l.* by order of 25 June, 1680, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

Unless Mr. Merriam, who has long since contracted with Mr. J. Thacham's administrators for a chamber in Brick Court, is admitted before the first Parliament of next term, the chamber will be seized and disposed of.

Messrs. J. Stratford, T. Hopkins, T. Gery, J. Jekyll, J. Acton, P. Barrow, J. Skrine, J. Pigott, R. Pate, P. Brydall, R. Wolcombe, L. Pagitt, T. Aston, R. Dighton, T. Newsham, G. Coxeter, T. Powell, C. Trender, J. Pilkington, T. Wickham, J. Loyd, W. Langton, C. Blount, J. Radcliffe, A. Wingfeild, J. Browne, W. Monington, and T. Aspin are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Messrs. R. Wright, T. Medlicott, E. Fettiplace, G. Smith, and J. Staples not being admitted into chambers, are called of special grace. This shall not be drawn to a precedent. None shall be called or published without chambers and paying duties and commons.

On Mr. W. Wharton's petition, his part of a chamber three pair of stairs over the porch next the Church is consolidated with Mr. Vincent's part, if Mr. Vincent is admitted before next Parliament and pays double duties, all but commons.

Parliament holden 27 May, 1687.

Further time till next Parliament is given to Mr. Merriam to procure himself to be admitted to Mr. Thacham's late chamber. If Mr. Merriam die meantime, the assignment shall be lost.

Whereas for preventing fire it was ordered that if any laundress or other servant lays ashes or other soil in any cellar or under any staircase, the owner of the chamber to whom such person belongs shall be fined 5*l.* and the servant turned out; it is further ordered that if it cannot be discovered whose servant is guilty, all the laundresses belonging to the staircase shall be compelled under the above penalty to remove all such ashes and soil to the public place thereunto appointed. Copies of this order are to be fixed in the several new staircases at the beginning of Michaelmas Term. Meanwhile Mr. Treasurer is desired to see the order put in execution.

Parliament holden 10 June, 1687.

Mr. John Entwisle, chosen Reader for next Summer, is confirmed. Mr. Gillingham and George Treby, knt., are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. F. Morgan, S. Kecke, Richard May, knt., Mr. A. Weldon. *Latin.*

Further time is given to Mr. Merriam, to the first Parliament in next term.

Dr. Barbon's proposals for building chambers on a void piece of ground near Garden Buildings towards the Thames, and for rebuilding more convenient and handsome houses of office, are referred to Mr. Treasurer, Sir Richard May, Mr. Ettricke, Mr. Smith, Mr. Thursby, and any other Masters who will attend, or any three. They are desired to measure the ground, treat with Dr. Barbon, and report on Wednesday next after supper.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to call to his aid what Masters he pleases, and to do what he judges best concerning proposals made by the undertaker for setting up "lucidarys" in several courts and avenues, and concerning proposals made by Mr. Attorney-General, the Treasurer of the Inner Temple, to join in beautifying the entrance into the Church at the door next the Cloisters.

Widow Smith's petition for her service in the buttery and scraping trenchers for a year past, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The vacation Barristers' application for abridging this next vacation is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden by adjournment 15 June, 1687.

On report of the committee who had measured the ground south of the Garden Buildings and had treated with Dr. Barbon, and on his personally undertaking to build there a substantial ornamental brick building with four chambers on a floor, giving the Bench power to choose any two chambers for Bench Chambers, which are to be wainscotted and fitted at their charge; also to spend 300*l.* in building more handsome and convenient houses of office, with a substantial leaden pump, an engine house, a room for coals, and a laystall to receive the soil; and to set his new building 20 feet from the Garden Buildings; it is agreed that Dr. Barbon shall have power to dispose of the chambers (except two for Bench Chambers) to any members of the Society for a life and two assignments, the first admission to be without fine, and 40*s.* fine on every other alienation until the assignments are spent, and to have a year after the building is up to dispose of the chambers. Dr. Barbon is to prepare a model and show it to Mr. Treasurer and other Masters, who shall report on Friday night.

Parliament holden by adjournment 17 June, 1687.

Adjourned to Wednesday night at Dr. Barbon's request, as the person whom he had trusted to perfect his draft of a model had failed to return it.

Parliament holden by adjournment 22 June, 1687.

On view of the model, it is ordered that Dr. Barbon shall pave with Purbeck stone the void ground intended for a passage into Middle Temple Lane between Garden Buildings and the building to be erected; that he shall have leave to erect in the passage two shops; and that he may have all the old materials on the ground intended to be new built, except the sheds. It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to settle articles with him.

Parliament holden 28 Oct., 1687.

Charles Porter, knt., is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Francis Morgan for next Summer. *Latin.*

Mr. Powlett is chosen to succeed Mr. Mountagu as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Unless Mr. Merriam procures himself to be admitted into Mr. Thacham's late chamber before next Parliament, the order concerning him is made absolute.

The order touching the beautifying the entrance into the Church is continued.

The last order for payment of commons is to be fixed on the screen on Monday next. Mr. Treasurer is desired to see it put in execution.

If Mr. Abell, who has long since contracted with Mr. W. Knight for his chamber in Middle Temple Lane, does not procure himself to be admitted within a fortnight after notice of this order, the chamber shall be seized and disposed of.

On petition of Mr. Humphrey Clarke's wife, twenty nobles shall be given her.

Parliament holden 25 Nov., 1687.

Mr. F. Davis shall be admitted into Mr. John Thacham's late chambers in Brick Court instead of Mr. Merriam.

The order touching the beautifying the entrance into the Church is continued.

The order concerning Mr. Abell is continued to next Parliament.

Mr. Entwisle having paid 50*l.* in Mr. Whitlocke's Treasurership, and now 150*l.* more, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

The six senior Readers in town, or any three of them, and any other Masters of the Bench who please, are appointed to audit Mr. Mountagu's account.

Mr. Mountagu shall have 100*l.* in lieu of a perquisite.

Mr. O. Lisle, on the Lord Chancellor's recommendation, testified by Sir Charles Porter, and Mr. T. White, on the recommendation of the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, testified by Mr. Powlett and Mr. J. Birch, are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Mr. Treasurer, Sir Charles Porter, Messrs. Lechmere, Wallop, Smith, Thursby, and Bowes, or any three, or any other Master of the Bench who pleases, are appointed a committee to inspect the patent, deeds, and evidences touching the House's title to the soil; to consider of an answer to the message from a committee of the Inner Temple about the shed for the watermen, their setting up posts and rails in Middle Temple Lane before the Crown Office, and making a conveyance of the soil of both Temples to trustees; to report at the first Parliament of next term; and to give an account to the Inner Temple.

On a debate for moderating the charge on grand days, it is referred to the same committee to examine the usual revenues of the House and what the usual yearly expenses are, and to report at the same Parliament.

On Mr. Thomas Dove's petition, 5*s.* a week shall be paid him as charity till next term.

On Martha Reynolds' complaint, Mr. Treasurer is to require the owner of any chamber where Mr. Ledgingham lodges, to dismiss him, not being a member of the Society.

Adjourned till 6 December to consider the organ.

Parliament holden by adjournment 6 Dec., 1687.

Mr. Treasurer having reported that Mr. Smyth, the maker of the organ on the north side of the Church, demanded 1300*l.* of him and of the Treasurer of the Inner Temple, who said that they would recommend to their Societies to give him 1000*l.*, which he agreed to accept, but said that he hoped if it appeared that he deserved more that they would give

him a gratuity; this Society is contented to pay half the said 100*l.* when the organ is set up in the organ loft, that is, 300*l.* as money comes in, 200*l.* having been formerly paid. He is also to pay Harris, the maker of the other organ, 100*l.* more, being half 200*l.* which the two Societies have undertaken to pay him at the Lord Chancellor's recommendation. Mr. Treasurer is to see that the Inner Temple pays half the charge of the organ case.

Parliament holden 27 Jan., 1687.

The order concerning Mr. Abell is continued to next Parliament.

The account of Mr. Mountague, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

The committee formerly appointed is to answer the Inner Temple as they shall think fit.

The order about moderating expenses on grand days is continued to next Parliament.

The payment of 5*s.* a week to Mr. Dove is continued.

As the Inner Temple have already paid 200*l.* to Mr. Harris, their organ maker, the 100*l.* this House was to pay him shall be paid to Smith. From the time the Inner Temple pay Smith, he shall be allowed interest for 400*l.* at 6 per cent., or for as much of the 400*l.* as shall then remain unpaid.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to permit Mr. Gulston to carry the earth and soil from his new buildings, late the Palsgrave Tavern, through the courts and lane of this House to Temple Bridge, he undertaking to make good all damage.

Unless the friends and executors of Mr. D. Sherrard, who has been dead above a year, procure some member of the House to be admitted to his chamber in the Lamb Buildings before next Parliament, it shall be seized.

The last order for enforcing the payment of commons is to be fixed on the screen.

The walling up the door lately made from the Divell Taverne into Middle Temple Lane is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Messrs. P. Hart, F. Scobell, C. Cesar, W. Bridges, and R. Britiffe are proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 10 Feb., 1687.

Charles Porter, knt., chosen Reader for next Lent, is confirmed. George Treby, knt., and Mr. Entwisle are appointed his Assistants.

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. F. Morgan, S. Keeke, Richard May, knt., Mr. A. Weldon.

Mr. Abell's chamber shall be seized.

The retrenching of 20*l.* a year out of the salary of Mr. Trott, Steward, is adjourned to the first Parliament of next term.

The order about walling up the Divell Taverne door is confirmed.

After much debate, it is ordered that if any matter proposed in Parliament is demanded to be put to the question by any Master of the Bench and seconded by another, it shall be determined by the scrutiny or balloting box presented to their Masterships at this Parliament.

Mr. P. Hart is of grace called to the degree of the Utter Bar. He shall be admitted into the chamber of Sir Percivall Hart, his father, deceased, for a life and two assignments.

Mr. F. Clerke is proposed for the call to the Bar.

No member of this Society shall be called to the degree of the Utter Bar without having paid 40*s.*, which is to be applied towards the expenses of the organ and "lucidarys."

The petition of Mr. Stacy, Curate in the Church, is referred to the next Parliament.

On Mr. Treasurer's report, the Bench are satisfied that last Christmas was kept by Mr. Scobell, Mr. Cesar, Mr. Bridges, and others very orderly, but this being a term unusual for calling to the Bar, and because they think it no inconvenience to them to stay till next Parliament, their call to the Bar is respited to the first Parliament in next term.

The House consents to a proposal made at a meeting between Masters of the Bench of both Houses to defray the yearly charges of organist and organ by discharging the present Lecturers and reducing the charge of the lectures to 100*l.* a year. Dr. Sherlocke, Master of the Temple, is desired to take care that the lectures are supplied till both Houses make some further order. The Treasurer of this House shall pay Dr. Sherlocke 50*l.* a year. This order is to take no effect

till the Inner Temple has made a like order. If so, Dr. Echard is to have notice, and the Lecturer to be discharged the Sunday before next term.

Parliament holden 4 May, 1688.

Messrs. F. Scobell, W. Bridges, C. Cesar, R. Britiffe, and F. Clerke are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Mr. J. Smith is also called of grace.

The Steward's salary shall be continued as before till further orders.

On petition of Mr. Stacy, the present Reader in the Church, 10*l.* shall be given to him.

On petition of George Eales, above twenty years one of the Butlers, 10*l.* shall be given to him.

Messrs. C. Yonge, A. Loder, H. Byerley, F. Pengelly, R. Jenyns, G. Armitage, W. Cowper, J. Woodroffe, E. Jauncy, and E. Harley are proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 25 May, 1688.

Mr. Bartholomew Shower being made of the King's Counsel by patent, is called to the Bench.

The order for the balloting box is confirmed after great debate.

Mr. Thomas Manningham is appointed Lecturer for the two Houses, according to the proposal of the Inner Temple. Mr. Whitlocke, Sir Henry Chauncy, and Mr. Archbold are appointed a committee to acquaint the Benchers of the Inner Temple therewith to-morrow after dinner. His salary is to be 100*l.* a year, paid quarterly, half by each House, to begin from the first Sunday of next term.

On the Treasurer's report of the concurrence of the Treasurer of the Inner Temple, Mr. Francis Pigott is appointed Organist for the Church, with a salary of 50*l.* yearly, this House paying half, to be paid quarterly from last Christmas. He shall find a blower at his own cost.

Mr. Bernard Smith, the maker of the organ, shall be retained to keep it in repair and tune at 20*l.* a year, this House paying half. Pigott and Smith are to enter into such articles for performing their duties as Mr. Treasurer thinks fit.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer, with any three Masters of

the Bench, to make some agreement with the undertaker either for buying or continuing the use of his "lucidarys" in the courts and avenues.

Mr. Proby, a Master of the Bench, having been put to great expense in his chamber in Elme Court by the blowing up the storehouse, has an assignment granted him, with power to transfer when his reading is past.

Mr. Charles Porter having paid 200*l.*, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

Unless Mr. R. Bacon procures himself to be admitted into the chamber bought from Mr. W. Tempest, who has become a member of the Inner Temple, before the second day of next term, the chamber shall be seized.

Henry Warren's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Messrs. C. Lawton, E. Holwell, T. Coward, R. Ashton, H. Hunt, T. Lake, G. Armitage, H. Byerley, T. Rawlins, A. Palmer, J. Hooper, J. Selfe, R. White, W. Crayford, R. Jenyns, W. Cowper, E. Harley, J. Woodroffe, A. Loder, C. Yonge, E. Jauncy, F. Pengelly, and A. Chamber are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

The two chambers one pair of stairs high on the west side of the building lately erected by Dr. Barbon between the garden and Middle Temple Lane and near the Thames, are declared to be Bench Chambers. Mr. Mountagu shall have the chamber one pair of stairs at the north end of the building and fronting towards the garden. Sir Charles Porter shall have the other at the south end likewise fronting towards the garden. Both shall be wainscotted and fitted up at the House's charge when the House is in cash.*

Parliament holden 15 June, 1688.

If Mr. R. Bacon does not procure himself to be admitted into Mr. W. Tempest's late chamber in a week, it shall be seized.

The order touching Mr. Warren is continued to next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer's conduct is approved for having padlocked up Mr. R. Ashton's chamber three pair of stairs high looking

* This has been altered in Parliament, as a marginal note states, from "wainscotted and fitted up by themselves at their charge, but are to be reimbursed out of the Treasury."

into Elme Court, in which he broke out a window, and would not desist when ordered. He is ordered to make up the window with bricks again as before, before next Parliament. In default, his chamber shall be seized.

Mr. B. Godwin, the younger, is appointed Library Keeper in place of Mr. P. Barrow, lately called to the Bar. He shall have the chamber next the roof over the Library, with the same allowance and profits as former keepers, giving security.

Any member breaking the walls or piers of any building without the Treasurer's leave, shall forfeit his chamber.

Mr. S. Thompson shall be admitted to his father's chamber in New Court for a life and two assignments on his father's surrender, who is now called to the degree of a Serjeant.

Mr. Treasurer is to treat with the Treasurer of the Inner Temple about repairing the steps of Temple Bridge and new paving Middle Temple Lane this next vacation.

Mr. Treasurer has power to transfer to any member with an assignment a chamber one pair of stairs in Elme Court, fallen to the House by Mr. R. Butler's death, which he has accepted as his perquisite.

Mary Petty, dishwasher, shall have 10*l.* in compassion to her present distemper.

Parliament holden 29 June, 1688.

Mr. Francis Morgan, chosen Reader for next Summer, is confirmed. Mr. Entwisle and Charles Porter, knt., are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Mr. S. Keck, Richard May, knt., Messrs. A. Weldon, and E. Crayford. *Latin.*

Till the first Parliament in Michaelmas Term is given to Mr. W. Tempest to sell his chamber in Middle Temple Lane.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to supply the books wanting in the Library before the first Parliament in Michaelmas Term.

Mr. Mountagu shall have the Bench Chamber in Pumpe Court late assigned to Sir Henry Chancy, now called to the degree of a Serjeant, but shall continue in possession of his present chamber till the end of the year of grace afforded to Sir Henry. Mr. Gillingham shall have the Bench Chamber in the new buildings next the Thames, late assigned to Mr. Mountagu, at the end of the said year of grace.

Mr. Treasurer shall not henceforth have power to abridge vacation commons in Summer vacation before the third Saturday in August, nor in Lent vacation before Saturday sevennight next before Palm Sunday.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to take care that the steps of Temple Bridge are repaired and Middle Temple Lane new paved this next vacation, to level the north Churchyard, and to make a deep trench there along the north side of the Church to keep it dry and defend it from the earth which now lies against it, the Inner Temple bearing half the charges.

It is left to Mr. Treasurer to consider of new gravelling the garden.

Mr. Treasurer shall present the Master of the Temple with a hogshead of claret as a testimony of respect.

Widow Smith's petition for her service in the buttery is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The names of Barristers hereafter published, and their taking the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, shall be entered in a book to be kept by the Butler, and subscribed by the Readers before whom the oaths are taken.

Mr. Treasurer, Mr. Archbold, and any other Masters of the Bench who please to be present, or any three, are appointed a committee to view the passage and place where Dr. Barbon has liberty to build two shops, to consider where they may be best placed, and to report this day fortnight.

Parliament holden 26 Oct., 1688.

Till the next Parliament is given to Mr. W. Tempest to sell his chamber in Middle Temple Lane. In default, it shall be seized.

The order touching the Library is continued to next Parliament.

The order of last Parliament to consider where Dr. Barbon shall have leave to build two shops, is to be considered at next Parliament.

Bartholomew Shower, knt., is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Samuel Keck for next Summer. *Latin.*

Sir Charles Porter is chosen to succeed Mr. Powlett as Treasurer at the end of the next Parliament.

The solemn invitation and feast usually kept on All Saints' day is put off.

Parliament holden 23 Nov., 1688.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Mountagu, Powlett, Medlicott, Orlibar, and Archbold, or any four, are appointed a committee to view the passage where Dr. Barbon has liberty to build two shops, and to settle the matter.

Mr. F. Morgan having paid 200*l.* is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

The six senior Readers of the Bench in town, or any three, and any other Masters of the Bench who please, are appointed to audit Mr. Powlett's account.

On Mr. Hervey's petition, 50*l.* shall be lent him.

John Young, washpot, shall have 8*l.* as charity.

Messrs. S. Gwillym and W. Culpeper are called of grace to the degree of the Utter Bar.

The usual order against a gaming Christmas, in obedience to the rule of the Court of King's Bench at Westminster.

Parliament holden 25 Jan., 1688.

The account of Mr. Powlett, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

On Mr. Treasurer's recommendation, John Thomas is confirmed washpot in place of John Young, deceased.

As it appears by a schedule presented by the Steward that above 709*l.* is due for commons, unless gentlemen pay their arrears before next Parliament, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 8 Feb., 1688.

The chambers of Messrs. R. Power, E. Williams, L. Smith, and W. Bankes, who are in arrears for pensions, duties, vacations, and assignments, shall be seized and padlocked. If the sums due are not paid before the first Parliament of next term, they shall be sold.

Mr. Samuel Keck is appointed and confirmed Reader for next Lent. Sir Charles Porter and Mr. Morgan are appointed his Assistants; and Sir Richard May, Messrs. Weldon, Crayford, and Proby, Cupboardmen.

Sir Richard May is appointed Reader for next Autumn.

Henceforth no member of the Society, not being the King's Attorney-General or Solicitor-General, shall be elected Reader

or Treasurer, or permitted to choose a Bench Chamber, except in order of seniority from being called to the Bench.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden 19 April, 1689.

The order for seizing and selling the chambers of Messrs. R. Power, E. Williams, L. Smith, and W. Bankes is continued till next Parliament.

At Lord Commissioner Maynard's desire, his grandson, Mr. M. Colchester, is called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Mr. W. Leigh's petition touching his chamber in the Churchyard adjoining the Church is referred to Messrs. Staples, Smith, Thursby, Orlibarr, Bowes, and Archbold, or any two, to view the chamber, to confer with the Benchers of the Inner Temple, and to report at next Parliament.

The petition of Mrs. Anne Berners, grandmother to Mr. C. Blount's children, for leave to sell his chamber and to have his duties, 63*l.*, remitted, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Messrs. E. Lambert, M. Brandrith, W. Trench, T. Webb, J. Jeffs, J. Mountagu, N. Donelan, C. Allanson, and M. Jones are proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to take two Masters of the Bench and consult with Dr. Barbon how to remedy the offence of the laystall, and how to make a better passage to the Bench houses of office, and to see that Dr. Barbon remedies where it rains down from "the Tarras Walke," according to his contract, and to report at next Parliament.

The order about payment of commons is to be fixed on the screen.

Adjourned to this day "sennett," to consider the proposals on behalf of Mr. Keck.

Parliament holden 10 May, 1689.

The order for seizing and selling the chambers of Messrs. R. Power, E. Williams, L. Smith, and W. Bankes is continued till next Parliament.

Messrs. Wallop, Staples, Archbold, and Morgan, or any two, are appointed a committee to consider the inconvenience of the houses of office, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. John Somers being made the King's Solicitor-General, is called to the Bench.

The calling up of Messrs. J. Conyers and E. Northey to the Bench, is referred to the last Parliament of next term.

There shall be a roll of collection for the seven Serjeants called this term, every member to be taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.*, according to ancient custom.

As Mr. H. Watson, lately dead, owes 8*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* for commons eaten in Hall, and 16*l.* for other duties, his sureties are dead or insolvent, and Mr. C. Deane, his brother-in-law and administrator, has defaced the chamber which fell to the House by Watson's death by pulling off the locks, two pairs of folding doors, and the shutters to the windows, and refuses to pay the Steward for Mr. Watson's commons so as to throw that debt upon the House, pretending that there is money due to himself; it is ordered that Mr. Deane shall pay the full of his absent commons for his own chamber from term to term, until the cook, brewer, and bakers are satisfied for the said commons eaten, and what was unwarrantably removed out of the said chamber is made good. Mr. Treasurer is desired to levy what is now in arrears for duties from Mr. Deane, and the succeeding Treasurers to see this order executed.

On Dr. Barbon's petition, Mr. Treasurer has power to make leases of two small rooms in Middle Temple Lane next the Thames, and of three shops which he has leave to build in the passage between the old and new buildings, to persons nominated by the Doctor, for fifty-one years at a small rent.

A lease shall be made to John Leithwicke, the gardener, of his shop and room over it at the west end of the Hall for thirty-one years, reserving the yearly rent of 50*s.* during the life of Edmund Ball, Panierman, the said room having belonged to his place before it was new built by Leithwicke; and after Ball's death, some small rent.

The chambers of Mr. Richard Stephens of the Utter Bar, and of his brother, Robert, in the south-west corner of Elme Court, shall be consolidated, and Robert admitted into the whole with one assignment, paying double duties, all but commons.

Sir George Treby, the King's Attorney-General, shall have the Bench Chamber in Pump Court late assigned to Mr. Powlett, now called to the degree of a Serjeant, at the end of the year of grace given to Powlett. Mr. Archbold shall have the Bench Chamber in Elme Court assigned to Mr. Lechmere,

now called to the degree of a Serjeant; Mr. Entwisle that in Garden Buildings late assigned to Mr. Archbold, who shall continue in his present chamber until the end of the year of grace given to Serjeant Lechmere.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Wallop, Staples, Smith, Orlibar, and Morgan, or any three, and any other Masters who will attend, are appointed a committee to consider William Chipps' petition for building a shed in his yard next Essex Court, and to report at next Parliament. Notice must be given to Mr. B. Tonstall to attend the committee.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Staples, Smith, and Thursby, and any other Masters who will attend, or any three, are appointed a committee to consider the petition of many Barristers and others about the Library, to desire the Library Keeper to attend them, and to report at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 31 May, 1689.

The order for seizing the chambers of Messrs. R. Power, E. Williams, L. Smith, and W. Bankes is continued till next Parliament. Mr. T. Pudsey's chambers shall be seized for his great arrears.

On report of the committee, a strong partition with whole deals shall be made under "the Tarras Walke" adjoining the new buildings next the Thames, to inclose and divide three of the five houses of office on the west side thereof for the use of the Masters of the Bench only, and the other two for the gentlemen of the Bar.

Further consideration of calling any gentlemen to the Bar is adjourned to next Parliament.

At Mr. Justice Ventris' request, Mr. C. Barlee, assignee of his late chamber over the Great Gate towards Fleet Street, is admitted with an assignment.

Parliament holden 14 June, 1689.

Richard May, knt., chosen Reader for next Autumn, is confirmed. Messrs. Entwisle and Morgan are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. A. Weldon, E. Crayford, J. Proby, Bartholomew Shower, knt. *Latin.*

Unless Messrs. R. Power, E. Williams, L. Smith, W. Bankes, and T. Pudsey pay their arrears before the first Parliament of

next term, their chambers will be sold. This order is peremptory.

Messrs. R. Stephens, B. Soame, R. Hide, M. Jones, C. Allanson, M. Brandreth, J. Mountagu, N. Donelan, T. Webb, J. Jeffs, T. Maisterson, E. Lambert, and W. Shaw are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Mr. W. Trench is also of grace called to the same degree in regard to the calamities in Ireland.

No person shall be proposed or called to the degree of the Utter Bar unless he has repeated pleadings and performed eight exercises, and is of seven years' standing in the House. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Mr. W. Tracy shall be paid 37*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* long since deposited for the toft of his chamber.

On petition of Mr. Stacy, the present Reader in the Church, 10*l.* shall be paid him as a free gift.

Messrs. Wallop, Smith, Orlibar, and Archbold, or any three Masters, are appointed a committee to confer with the Benchers of the Inner Temple for setting rates for burials in the vaults at the east end of the Church.

Mr. Treasurer and any two Masters are appointed a committee to examine the complaints against the Library Keeper for neglect of attendance, and to report at next Parliament.

The widow Smith shall have five marks for her service in the buttery.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to give leave for a door out of Mr. Somer's chamber into Mr. Mountague's Bench Chamber, if it can be done safely.

The calling of Messrs. J. Conyers and E. Northey to the Bench, is referred to next Parliament.

Mr. B. Tonstall shall be required to remove the soil and coal ashes in his cellar to the great offence of the whole staircase before Thursday next, on pain of 5*l.* as often as the offence is committed.

A fine of 40*s.* shall be put upon Mr. Turnor's chamber in Essex Court because his laundress threw water and other filth on some of the Masters of the Bench out of the chamber. The Porter is required to turn the laundress out of the House. In default of payment, the chamber will be seized.

Fifty pounds shall be given for relief of the Irish Protestants.

The former committee is desired to acquaint the Inner Temple therewith.

Parliament holden 25 Oct., 1689.

John Somers, knt., the King's Solicitor-General, is elected Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Antony Weldon for next Autumn. *Latin.*

Sir George Treby, their Majesties' Attorney-General, is chosen to succeed Sir Charles Porter as Treasurer at the end of the next Parliament.

The last order touching Mr. R. Power is confirmed.

The chambers of Messrs. R. Power, E. Williams, W. Bankes, and T. Pudsey are to be sold.

The order about the vaults in the Church is continued to next Parliament.

The calling of Mr. Conyers and Mr. E. Northey to the Bench is referred to the last Parliament in Hilary Term.

Unless Mr. R. Holt's executor procures some member of the House to be admitted to his chamber before next Parliament, Mr. Holt having been dead above twelve months, it shall be seized.

If Mr. Tasker, who has long since contracted with Mr. S. Collins for his chamber in Pump Court, and paid him, is not admitted before next Parliament, it shall be seized.

Mr. Treasurer shall agree with Mr. Stone of New Inn about the duties and arrears of J. Cole.

Leave is given to John Davys, esq., father and administrator of Mr. F. Davys, lately deceased, to dispose of his chamber in Bricke Court for a life and one assignment.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to make a lease to Pope, who sells books in Pump Court, of the rooms late in Harrison's possession, for as long as he thinks fit, for a yearly rent of 5*l.*

The order requiring every one owing 40*s.* or more for commons to pay before next Parliament, is to be fixed on the screen.

Upon many complaints, it is ordered that unless Mr. Hemings sets up a "lucidary" at the houses of office before to-morrow night, 40*s.* shall be deducted from his allowance for the use of his "lucidarys."

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to give leave for a door between the chambers of Sir John Lowther's two sons in Pump Court, if it can be done safely.

Parliament holden 22 Nov., 1689.

The order about the vaults in the Church is continued.

The order about Mr. Holt's chamber is continued to next Parliament, when the petition of Samuel Slater and Hanna, his wife, will be considered.

Mr. Treasurer is recommended to put in execution the last order for enforcing the payment of commons against those mentioned in the Steward's schedule.

Messrs. Wallop, Staples, Smith, Archbold, or any of the six senior Readers of the Bench in town, or any three, and any other Masters who please, are appointed to audit Sir Charles Porter's account.

The petition of John Foltropp, carpenter, against Dr. Barbon touching the new buildings by the garden, is referred to the first Parliament of next term.

Mr. R. Stephens' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer to report at next Parliament.

On the petition of Alexander Wilkinson, a Butler, who had been arrested and cast into prison, 5*l.* shall be given him in charity, and also 20*l.* which he laid out in building a shop and room over it at the west end of the Hall, and he shall resign his interest therein to Mr. Treasurer.

John Leithwicke, the gardener, shall have leave to build a chimney in his rooms at the west end of the Hall.

Sir Richard May, having paid 50*l.* in Mr. Northey's Treasurership and 150*l.* now, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

The last order against a gaming Christmas is to be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 24 Jan., 1689.

The account of Sir Charles Porter, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

The orders about the vaults in the Church and Mr. Holt's chamber, are continued to next Parliament.

John Foltropp's petition against Dr. Barbon is referred to Mr. Orlebar and Mr. Weldon, to report at next Parliament.

On Alexander Wilkinson's petition, it is ordered that on repayment of the 20*l.* paid him last term, Mr. Treasurer shall have power to make him a lease of the shop which he built at the west end of the Hall for thirty-one years at a small rent.

There being some debate about disposing of a Bench Chamber vacant by Mr. Mountagu's death, Mr. Treasurer is desired to inspect the books and find out the House's course in reference to the King's Attorney-General and Solicitor-General having Bench Chambers as they become vacant, and to report at next Parliament.

The solemn invitation and feast usually kept on Candlemas day is put off for this time.

Sir Charles Porter, Mr. Wallop, Sir Francis Winington, and Mr. Archbold, or any three, are appointed a committee to confer with the Benchers of the Inner Temple about assessing and levying the aids of 2*s.* and 1*s.* in the pound imposed by the late Acts of Parliament, and to report on Saturday week, to which time this Parliament is adjourned for that matter only.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to prepare a list of the names of ten or twelve persons next in course to be called to the Bench, and to present them at the last Parliament this term.

Parliament holden 7 Feb., 1689.

John Somers, knt., Reader elect for next Lent, is confirmed. Mr. Morgan and Richard May, knt., are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen :—Messrs. A. Weldon, E. Crayford, J. Proby, Bartholomew Shower, knt. *Latin.*

Mr. Treasurer shall set the rates for burials in the Middle Temple vault till further order.

The order touching Mr. Holt's chamber, on Mr. Archbold's motion, is continued to the first Parliament of next term.

The disposal of the Bench Chamber vacant by Mr. Mountagu's death is referred to the last Parliament of next term.

In assessing the aids of 2*s.* and 1*s.*, this Society shall be taxed as one house or messuage. The further consideration of how to proceed in the assessment on this Society and New Inn, is adjourned to Friday night next for that matter only.

Messrs. Edward Umfrevile, Henry Goold, Henry Collins, and George Bradbury are called to the Bench in order to their reading. Mr. Goold and Mr. Collins having no chambers, are to deposit 50*l.* till they have performed their readings.

The calling of Messrs. Conyers and Northey to the Bench is referred to the last Parliament in next term.

Dr. Barbon and Mr. Foltrop, the carpenter, have agreed as follows:—Mr. Foltrop may proceed, according to the articles between them, to sell the chambers and shops unsold, the money raised thereby to be paid into the Treasury of the Middle Temple to remain there till the cause in Chancery between them is decided. Any difference about the prices shall be referred to Mr. Buck, the Under-Treasurer. Dr. Barbon shall remove from his chambers as soon as they can be sold. Dr. Barbon shall speed on the cause to hearing. If not heard next term, a reasonable part of the money to be raised shall be paid to Foltrop, provided that he does not hinder the cause from coming on.

The petition of Richard Harris, barber, touching a chimney to his shop, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

As there are sometimes but two or three Masters at the Bench table in term time and sometimes none, it is ordered that every Master of the Bench shall be in commons one whole week or two half weeks every term, and in default shall be cast into commons for such week or half weeks. There shall be no repasts taken in any grand week. "And associates likewise" was added by the next Parliament.

Parliament holden 9 May, 1690.

The order touching Mr. Holt's chamber is continued to next Parliament.

The order for calling to the Bench Messrs. Edward Umfreville, Henry Goold, and Henry Collins is continued to next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to put in execution the order for suing those in debt for commons above 40*s.*

Widow Smith shall have 40*s.* to relieve her in her sickness.

On Foltrop's petition, Mr. H. Ludlow shall be admitted to all the ground rooms on the south side of Garden Court on the side towards the garden in the new building nearest the Thames, with Dr. Barbon's consent, as into a sole chamber, paying single duties.

Messrs. R. Waring, R. Noyse, R. Dobbins, T. Harlee, G. Vaughan, H. Eyre, T. Chafin, J. Raphson, J. Jenkins, J. Hiccocks, F. Coles, and T. Coote are proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 30 May, 1690.

The order touching Mr. Holt's chamber is continued to next Parliament.

Messrs. R. Shelley, J. Raphson, G. Vaughan, C. Wigmore, R. Dobbins, H. Eyre, R. Noyse, J. Hiccocks, E. Waldo, C. Lowther, and W. Cradocke are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

The disposal of the Bench Chamber vacant by Mr. Mountagu's death is referred to the last Parliament of next term.

At Mr. Proby's request, Thomas Cotton's name is correctly entered in the book of admittances, where it was wrongly entered William.

Mr. Baron Bradbury's name shall be placed on the rolls according to his coming up to the Bench.

Mr. John Somers having paid 200*l.*, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

Mr. B. Dutton's petition for consolidating the other part of his chamber in Pumpe Court to his own, for a life and two assignments, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

No member of the Society shall take commons in the Hall but in his gown. The officers are to give notice of any offenders to the *Quatuor* at the Bench table if in term time, or to the Bar mess in vacations, that they may be warned out of Hall and further proceeded against. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 20 June, 1690.

By mutual consent, Mr. Archbold shall continue to have the Bench Chamber where he now is, and Mr. Entwisle that in Elme Court, now in possession of Mr. Baron Lechmere.

The order touching Mr. Holt's chamber is continued to next Parliament.

Messrs. T. Chafin, T. Harley, R. Waring, F. Coles, and J. Jenkins are proposed for the call to the Bar at the next Parliament.

On petition of Joane Collins, widow, Mr. Treasurer shall make her a new lease of her shop by Middle Temple Gate for twenty-one years from Midsummer next, under the same rent and covenants.

John Foltropp's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer. Messrs. Bland and Ludlow shall have notice given them to be admitted into the chambers for which they have contracted, before next Parliament.

George Eales shall be given 10*l.* in charity.

Alexander Wilkinson shall repay the House 20*l.* before next Parliament, or leave his shop at the west end of the Hall and deliver the key to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden 4 July, 1690.

Mr. Antony Weldon, Reader elect for next Autumn, is confirmed. Richard May, knt., and John Somers, knt., are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen :—Messrs. E. Crayford, J. Proby, Bartholomew Shower, knt., Mr. E. Umfrevile. *Latin.*

The order touching Mr. Holt's chamber is continued for a month or six weeks. If not disposed of then, Mr. Treasurer is desired to do thereupon what is best for the House.

The order touching Mr. Foltropp is continued to next Parliament.

If Messrs. Bland and Ludlow do not procure themselves to be admitted before next Parliament, they shall each lose one assignment.

Alexander Wilkinson is given till next Parliament to repay the 20*l.*

Mr. Stacy's petition is to be considered at next Parliament.

Widow Smith shall have five marks for her service in the buttery.

It shall not be in Mr. Treasurer's power to abridge vacation commons for this Summer vacation before the end of the reading week.

The disposal of the Bench Chamber vacant by Mr. Mountagu's death is referred to the last Parliament of next term.

The gentlemen of the Utter Bar are fined 3*s.* 4*d.* each for neglect of attendance at this Parliament, except Mr. W. Earle.

Parliament holden 24 Oct., 1690.

Mr. Edward Crayford is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. John Proby for next Autumn. *Latin.*

Sir John Somers, their Majesties' Solicitor-General, is chosen

to succeed Sir George Treby as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

The orders touching Mr. Holt, Mr. Foltropp, and Mr. Ludlow are continued to next Parliament.

Alexander Wilkinson is given till the first Parliament in Easter Term to pay the 20*l.*

Mr. William Battishill, Mr. Richard Huysh, and Mr. Thomas Newsham, in whose chamber they have kept, are required to attend the next Parliament for having broken a new ladder erected against the Hall, and for being suspected of having since broken the "lucidary," and thrown the Bench house of office door into the Thames.

The chambers of Messrs. G. Browne and E. Jackson are to be seized for their arrears of pensions and other duties. If not paid before next Parliament, they shall be sold.

Sir Charles Porter has leave to transfer his chamber in Pump Court for a life and two assignments.

Messrs. J. Robins, J. Dowdell, T. Harlee, and T. Chafin are proposed for the call to the Bar at the next Parliament.

Parliament holden 28 Nov., 1690.

The order touching Mr. Holt's chamber is continued till the next Parliament. The petition of Samuel Slater and Hannah, his wife, touching the same chamber is referred to the same time.

The orders touching Messrs. Ludlow, Browne, and Jackson are continued to next Parliament.

The six senior Readers of the Bench in town, or any three, and any other Masters who please to come, are appointed to audit Sir George Treby's account.

Messrs. J. Robins, T. Harley, and T. Chafin are called to the degree of the Utter Bar; and Mr. J. Dowdell of special grace and commiseration to his present condition.

Mr. Weldon having paid 200*l.* is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

The order against a gaming Christmas is to be fixed on the screen.

Dr. Sherlock shall be paid 35*l.*, a half year's allowance ending at Midsummer last.

The question being put whether Sir John Somers, the King's Solicitor-General, should have the late Mr. Mountagu's Bench Chamber, it passed in the negative.

Mr. W. Swaine's petition for leave to transfer his chamber for a life and one assignment, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 23 Jan., 1690.

On reading the petitions of Samuel Slater and Hanna, his wife, mortgagee of Robert Holt, gent., deceased, touching his chamber, and of Anne Towgood, his administratrix, it is ordered that the mortgagee shall have the nomination of a member of this Society to be admitted into the chamber before next Parliament. The debt to the mortgagee and the duties to the House being satisfied, any surplus shall be paid to the administratrix. Any question about the reality of the debts is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The account of Sir George Treby, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

Unless, before next Parliament, Messrs. G. Browne and E. Jackson pay their arrears of duties, and Mr. H. Ludlow procures himself and some other member of the House to be admitted into both parts of the chamber for which he long since contracted; the orders against them shall be put in execution.

Mr. W. Swaine has power to transfer his chamber in Middle Temple Lane near the Great Gate for a life and one assignment.

Messrs. Collins and Carr, tenants of shops under the Great Gate toward Fleet Street, shall be saved harmless for refusing to pay any assessment upon the landlord for trophies,* or any other taxes to St. Dunstan's parish.

If Mr. W. Battishill does not pay his fine of 40*s.* before next Parliament, he shall be expelled.

The Butler has leave for this time to enter into the moot book the exercises performed last Christmas.

Unless Messrs. J. Browne and R. White pay their arrears of pensions and other duties before next Parliament, their chambers shall be seized.

Mr. Brooking, who is no member of this House and is very troublesome, shall have notice to remove out of this Society before next Parliament. In default, the order against strangers lodging in the chambers of this House, shall be put in execution.

* A tax to pay for the colours, drums, etc., of the trained bands.

The solemn invitation and feast usually kept on Candlemas day is put off.

Parliament holden 6 Feb., 1690.

Mr. Edward Crayford, Reader elect for next Lent, is confirmed. John Somers, knt., and Mr. Weldon are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Mr. J. Proby, Bartholomew Shower, knt., Messrs. G. Bradbury, E. Umfrevile. *Latin.*

Samuel and Hanna Slater have till next Parliament to nominate a person to be admitted into Mr. Holt's chamber. The Under-Treasurer is to require Mrs. Towgood to deliver them possession of the chamber in a week. If she refuse, the Porter shall put them in possession.

The order for selling Mr. E. Jackson's chamber is made absolute. Mr. H. Ludlow is given till the first Parliament in Trinity Term to procure a person to be admitted into the other part of his chamber.

The chambers of Messrs. J. Browne and R. White shall be sold unless their duties are paid before next Parliament.

The order touching Mr. Brooking is suspended until the last Parliament of next term.

The Steward having presented a paper of arrears for commons, it is referred to Mr. Treasurer to put in suit the bonds of those whom he thinks fit.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Stacy, Reader in the Church, shall be given 10*l.*

As the Library is not attended or kept as it ought to be, and two leaves of a catalogue are torn out, Mr. Treasurer is desired to inquire into the state thereof, to have the catalogue compared with the duplicate in the House's custody this vacation, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Medlicott shall have the Bench Chamber in Pumpe Court vacant by Mr. Mountagu's death, and Mr. Morgan that under the Hall, now Mr. Medlicott's.

Any member of this Society taking his commons in the Hall without his gown in term time, shall forfeit 6*s.* 8*d.* for each default. In vacation times, vacation Barristers shall forfeit those vacations, and other gentlemen 6*s.* 8*d.* In term times the Chief Butler, in vacation times the Puisne Butler, shall keep a schedule of the names of offenders and present it

at next Parliament, on pain of forfeiting their places. This order shall be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 1 May, 1691.

Mr. Slater shall have till next Parliament to dispose of Mr. Holt's chamber.

The order for selling Mr. J. Browne's chamber is made absolute.

Edmund Ball, Panierman, shall have 10*l.* to relieve him in his sickness.

The petition of Charles Ireland, scrivener, for leave to enlarge his shop 3 feet forwarder into New Court, is referred to Messrs. Staples, Thursby, Orlibar, and Archbold, or any two, to report at next Parliament.

The sale of Mr. R. White's chamber is suspended till next Parliament, his friends having promised to see his arrears of duties paid in a fortnight.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to order posts to be set up at the lower end of Middle Temple Lane by the watermen, so as to keep coaches from the paved passage there, but so that the engine may be let through upon occasion.

Messrs. W. Dawson, W. Fish, F. Coles, W. Hamilton, J. Jenkins, and W. Evelyn are proposed for the call to the Bar at the next Parliament.

Mr. B. Tonstall shall have notice to remove his soil and filth out of his cellar under penalty of 5*l.*, and to give no offence for the future.

Parliament holden 22 May, 1691.

Mr. Slater shall have till the first Parliament of next term to dispose of Mr. Holt's chamber. The same time is given to Mr. R. White to pay his duties. On failure, this order shall be peremptory.

If Mr. B. Tonstall do not remove the filth from his cellar in three days, a fine of 5*l.* shall be levied on him.

Messrs. J. Wase, W. Avery, E. Bentley, F. Coles, John Jenkins, R. Waring, W. Hamilton, W. Fish, T. Thoroton, W. Evelyn, and J. Bridges are called to the degree of the Utter Bar, and Mr. W. Dawson *ex gratia*.

Mr. Crayford is fined the 50*l.* deposited by him and disbenched, for failing to read at the time appointed.

Alexander Wilkinson is allowed till the first Parliament in Michaelmas Term to repay the 20*l.* lent him.

On the petition of John Thomas, Washpot, Mr. Treasurer is to send for and examine Mr. J. Malett, and to report at next Parliament. Thomas has 40*s.* given him to pay his surgeon.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to settle Mr. Elsworth's petition.

Parliament holden 12 June, 1691.

Mr. Slater has till the first Parliament of next term to dispose of Mr. Holt's chamber, and Mr. R. White the same time to pay his duties.

If Mr. B. Tonstall does not in three days remove his soil and dust baskets obstructing the passage to the cellars, his chamber shall be seized and 5*l.* levied on him. He must attend at next Parliament to show cause why the chimney in his cellar should not be stopped up, being a great offence to the chambers in that staircase.

The order concerning John Thomas is continued to next Parliament.

* Mr. R. Elsworth shall pay his pensions and other duties on the rolls as well as commons before being left out of the rolls.

Mr. H. Ludlow has till the last Parliament in Michaelmas Term to admit a person to the other part of his chamber.

Parliament holden 26 June, 1691.

Mr. Proby having accepted to read in place of Mr. Crayford, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed, provided that he pays 200*l.* before the last Parliament of next term.

Bartholomew Shower, knt., is confirmed Reader for Autumn next. Messrs. Weldon and Proby are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Cupboardmen:—Messrs. G. Bradbury, H. Goold. *Latin.*

Mr. Slater shall have a month further to dispose of Mr. Holt's chamber. On his failure, Mr. Treasurer shall sell it.

The order touching Mr. Tonstall is respited till next Parliament.

In consequence of the negligent performance of moots and exercises, the ancient usage of performing and sitting upon moots and exercises in the Hall shall be revived, and cases argued as becomes men of learning, on pain of other exercises being disallowed and not recorded if the fault be in the

* Two pages are numbered 383.

mooters. Barristers shall forfeit the vacation for negligence. This order shall be fixed on the screen.

Mr. John Malett of the Utter Bar is fined 3*l.* for buffeting and kicking John Thomas when in the service of the Hall at dinner time, to be paid within a week.

Margery Robbins shall have five marks paid her for service in the buttery.

Messrs. Staples, Medlicott, Archbold, Morgan, and Weldon, or any two, are appointed a committee to inspect the Library and catalogue and see what books are wanting, and to report at next Parliament. The Library Keeper shall give constant attendance in the library from Michaelmas to Lady Day from 2 to 4 P.M., from Lady Day to Michaelmas 3 to 6 P.M., and in the forenoons as by the former order.

Parliament holden 23 Oct., 1691.

Mr. George Bradbury is elected Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Henry Goold for next Autumn. *Latin.*

Mr. Medlicott is chosen to succeed Sir John Somers, their Majesties' Solicitor-General, as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

The order touching Mr. Tonstall is continued to next Parliament. Mr. Treasurer is meantime to inform himself whether the offence of the chimney in his cellar is removed.

The committee for inspecting the Library is continued, and desired to report at next Parliament, and to require the keeper to attend their Masterships if they see cause. Mr. Treasurer is desired forthwith to admonish him of his duty.

Messrs. James Calthorpe, Nathaniel Haggatt, and Mundiford Bramston are called to the Bench in order to their reading; but Mr. Bramston having no chamber, must deposit 50*l.* till he has performed his reading.

Alexander Wilkinson has till the first Parliament of next term to repay the 20*l.* lent him upon his shop.

On the petitions of Messrs. W. Trench and R. Warburton alleging their hardships in Ireland, the suits against them for commons and other duties shall be staid till the first Parliament in Easter Term.

Thomas Wickham's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer to examine, and to send for the Treasurer and some ancients of New Inn, and for Mr. Thomas Warren, who claims an interest

in an old brick building there, which he suffers to be so ruinous that it is ready to fall; and to settle the matter, or report at next Parliament.

The wages of John Leithwicke, gardener, are increased from 16*l.* to 18*l.* 10*s.* a year.

The order for enforcing the payment of arrears of commons above 40*s.* shall be fixed on the screen.

Mr. T. Culpeper is proposed for the call to the Bar at the next Parliament.

Parliament holden 27 Nov., 1691.

No exercise upon assignments to be performed in the Hall in term time shall be allowed, unless the pleadings be drawn and repeated, according to the ancient course and usage. This order shall be fixed on the screen.

The order against a gaming Christmas is to be fixed on the screen.

The committee for inspecting the Library, with any other Masters who please to attend, is continued, and desired to report at next Parliament. Mr. Treasurer is desired to supply the authentic law books wanting.

Mr. Mundiford Bramston refusing to come up to the Bench on his call, is fined 50*l.* unless he comes up before the last Parliament in next term.

Debate about Messrs. James Calthorpe and Nathaniell Haggatt is referred to next Parliament.

Messrs. John Cocks, Matthew Johnson, and Scory Barker are called to the Bench in order to their reading. Mr. Cocks having no chamber, is to deposit 50*l.* till he has performed his reading.

Mr. T. Culpeper is called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

The chamber of Mr. B. Noell, who has been dead above a year, shall be seized, as his executor or administrator has admitted no member of the Society as he ought to have done, unless some one is admitted before next Parliament. A copy of this order left with the person residing there shall be sufficient notice.

Mr. H. Ludlow has till the last Parliament of next term and no longer to admit a person into the other part of his chamber.

Mr. Bartholomew Shower having deposited 50*l.* when Mr.

Serjeant Powlett was Treasurer and now 150*l.*, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

Thomas Minors' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Humphrey Clerke has 10*l.* charity, to be given in such proportions as Mr. Treasurer shall direct.

The six senior Readers of the Bench in town, or any three, and any other Masters who please, are appointed to audit Sir John Somers' account.

Debate about the publishing of Mr. W. Craddocke is referred to next Parliament.

Parliament holden 29 Jan., 1691.

Messrs. N. Haggatt, J. Cocks, and S. Barker have till next Parliament for coming up to the Bench.

Mr. Matthew Johnson, clerk of the Parliaments, is called up as associate to the Bench.

Mr. B. Noell's chamber in Pumpe Court is ordered to be padlocked and seized.

Mr. H. Ludlow is given till the first Parliament of next term to admit a person to the other part of his chamber. This order is peremptory.

Thomas Minors' petition is again referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The account of Sir John Somers, late Treasurer, is allowed.

After some debate, Messrs. W. Craddocke and T. Harley, lately called to the degree of the Utter Bar, are ordered to be published.

The order for enforcing payment of arrears of commons above 40*s.* is ordered to be fixed on the screen, and Mr. Treasurer is desired to put it in execution.

The petition of Nicholas Young, mason, for restraining tradesmen from landing coals, bricks, and timber at Temple Bridge, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The widow of Alexander Wilkinson, one of the Butlers, is given 20*l.*; also 10*l.* to the widow of Samuel Boyce, who apprehended Rawlinson, a notorious highwayman, in New Court and was murdered by him.

Mr. J. Watkin shall be admitted for life and an assignment into Mr. G. Seignior's chamber, on his surrender, for a moderate fine.

The order touching Mr. Tonstall is revived. Mr. Treasurer

is desired to see that the offence to the chambers over him by the chimney in his cellar is remedied.

Unless Mr. W. Earle procures himself to be admitted before the end of this term into the chamber in Pump Court for which he has contracted with the administrator of the late Sir John Tate, the chamber will be seized.

A new door shall be put up on the Temple side towards Paulsgraves Head Court passage. The key, and locking and opening the door, shall be in the Porter's hands. A candle shall be hung up there on the usual nights for lighting the said passage out of Essex Court.

On Mr. Treasurer's recommendation, Henry Smith shall be Puisne Butler.

Parliament holden 5 Feb., 1691.

Mr. George Bradbury, Reader elect for next Lent, is confirmed. Mr. Proby and Bartholomew Shower, knt., are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Messrs. H. Collins, J. Calthorpe, N. Haggatt, J. Cocks, and S. Barker having been called up to the Bench, are fined 50*l.* each unless they come up before the first Parliament of next term.

Messrs. A. Turnor, M. Ryder, and D. Fox are called to the Bench in order to their reading. Messrs. Turnor and Fox having no chambers, are to deposit 50*l.* each till they have read or been admitted into chambers.

Mr. B. Noell's executrix has till the end of this term to admit a person into his chamber in Pump Court.

Mr. R. Woolcombe shall be published with Mr. Cradocke and Mr. Harley according to the former order.

Mr. B. Tonstall must use the House workmen at his charge to repair the "jaime" of a chimney in his chamber which he has cut away, which supported all the hearths and breasts of the chimneys in the chambers over it, whereupon the hearth of the chamber over him fell into his room. It is also dangerous for fire.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to order the funnels of the chimneys in that building to be raised at the House's charge, to remedy the offence by smoke to the chambers of the Masters of the Bench on that staircase.

Robert Harvey, the waiter on the Bench, shall be called the Chief Bench Butler.

The chambers of Messrs. F. Goldegay, C. Vincent, and C Fitzwilliams shall be seized, unless their arrears of pensions and other duties are paid before the first Parliament of next term.

The bill penal given by Ursula Holton, widow, for her late husband's duties, is to be delivered to her and the duties remitted.

Francis Paine, barber, has leave to fix a tin funnel to the chimney of his shop by the Cloisters, if not incommodious to any of the chambers.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden 15 April, 1692.

Messrs. N. Haggatt, J. Cocks, and S. Barker have till next Parliament for coming up to the Bench. Messrs. H. Collins and J. Calthorpe have been fined 50*l.* for refusing to come to the Bench. Mr. Collins' bond shall be put in suit and Mr. Calthorpe's chamber seized if the fines are not paid before next Parliament.

Messrs. A. Turnor, M. Ryder, and D. Fox are fined 50*l.* unless they come up to the Bench before next Parliament.

Mr. B. Tonstall has till next Parliament to make good the "jaime" of his chimney.

Messrs. F. Goldegay, C. Vincent, and C. Fitzwilliams have till next Parliament to pay their arrears of duties.

Mr. W. Bankes' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The suits against Messrs. W. Trench and R. Warburton for their commons and duties shall be proceeded in.

The order for enforcing payment of commons above 40*s.* in arrear is to be fixed on the screen.

At the request of Mr. Serjeant Mountagu, late Lord Chief Baron, his nominee shall be admitted to his son's late chamber with an assignment.

Sir George Treby, their Majesties' Attorney-General, has power to transfer his chamber to his son for a life and two assignments.

Mr. Treasurer is to report at next Parliament on John Thomas' complaint against some watermen, who had forcibly taken from him a silver cup which he had found in this House.

Messrs. J. Cowse, F. Fane, T. Wilkinson, J. Stonestreete, and

J. Asgill are proposed for the call to the Bar at the next Parliament.

Mr. J. Darnell may transfer his chamber to his son for a life and two assignments.

No person called to the degree of a Serjeant shall henceforward transfer his chamber with the same estate which he has, if he has any further estate than life, but shall lose one assignment.

Parliament holden 6 May, 1692.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to moderate the fines imposed on Messrs. M. Bramston and J. Cocks for refusing to come up to the Bench, not exceeding 25*l.* each; and to get what he can of Mr. A. Turnor for the like refusal.

Mr. J. Calthorpe shall be pretermitted.

Messrs. H. Collins and D. Fox have till the first Parliament of next term to come up to the Bench; and Mr. M. Ryder till the first Parliament in Michaelmas Term, with a *salvo jure* of his antiquity.

Messrs. C. Vincent and C. Fitzwilliams have till next Parliament to pay their arrears of duties. Mr. F. Goldegay's chamber shall be sold for his great arrears.

Mr. W. Bankes' duties shall be reduced to 10*l.* The remaining 17*l.* 12*s.* accounted to the House upon sale of his chamber shall be repaid him, also 31*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* surplus when the duties were paid.

Messrs. H. Ludlow and W. Earle have till the first Parliament of Michaelmas Term for their admittances into their chambers.

When any member on payment of his duties desires to have his name left out of the rolls, he shall not be reckoned discharged of this Society, but only to have his duties suspended during his discontinuance. No gentleman's bond shall be delivered up without leave of Parliament.

If Mr. Baron Bradbury do not pay 200*l.* for his reading before next Parliament, his chamber shall be seized.

There shall be a roll of collection for the Serjeants lately called, every member being taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.*

On complaint of Nicholas Young, mason, that coals, bricks, and timber are frequently landed in great quantities at Temple Bridge for tradesmen, to the great decay of the bridge, which

he is bound by articles to maintain; it is ordered that no coals, etc., shall be landed there for any person not a member of either Society without leave under the Treasurer's hand, or, in his absence, of the senior Master of the Bench in town. The Porter is to see that this order is observed.

The petition of Mr. A. Loder of the Utter Bar is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to settle the difference between him and his chamber-fellow, or to report at next Parliament.

Dr. Barbon's request is referred to Mr. Treasurer, viz.:—to have the chambers in the new building next the Thames, one and two pair of stairs on the north-east part thereof, late in his own possession, consolidated.

Messrs. W. Ball, G. Faunce, E. Wagstaffe, J. Clarke, F. Fane, J. Cowse, T. Wilkinson, J. Asgill, E. Blundell, C. Watkinson, J. Glyde, J. Stonestreete, A. Trollop, and H. Martin are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Parliament holden 27 May, 1692.

Mr. Nathaniel Haggatt is elected Reader for next Autumn. *Latin.*

The bonds of Messrs. M. Bramston, J. Cocks, and A. Turnor shall be put in suit for non-payment of their fines for not coming up to the Bench.

The order concerning Messrs. H. Collins and D. Fox is continued to next Parliament.

The order touching Mr. Baron Bradbury is confirmed, unless he makes other terms with Mr. Treasurer before next Parliament.

The orders touching Mr. Loder and Dr. Barbon are continued to next Parliament.

Mr. Stacy, Reader in the Church, shall have a gratuity of 10*l.*

Mr. J. Clarke, lately called to the degree of the Utter Bar, is ordered to be published.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to examine the complaint against Mr. Pigott, the organist, for putting in boys and other unskilful persons to play in his absence; and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer is to confer with the Treasurer of the Inner Temple about paying a yearly salary of 10*l.* from each House to Mr. Smith for cleaning and keeping the organ in tune;

also to consider with Mr. Oliver, the surveyor, of the repair of the decays about the Church, and about beautifying the entrance and passage into the Temple Rounds; and to report at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 10 June, 1692.

On Sir William Whitelocke's motion, Mr. Frederick Porter, son of Sir Charles Porter, Lord Chancellor and a Lord Justice of Ireland, is called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Mr. Nathaniel Haggatt, chosen Reader for next Autumn, is confirmed. Bartholomew Shower, knt., and Mr. Bradbury are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Mr. A. Turnor's bond shall be put in suit for non-payment of his fine for not coming up to the Bench.

Mr. H. Collins' fine is reduced to 20*l.* if paid in a fortnight.

Mr. Baron Bradbury having paid 200*l.* is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

The chambers of Messrs. W. Leigh, T. Gent, and J. Wheeler shall be seized if the pensions and other duties owing by them are not paid by the first Parliament of next term.

Joseph Bragg's petition to build a barber's shop on the east side of Middle Temple Lane next the Water Gate, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

Margery Robins shall have five marks for her service in the buttery.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to reform or punish the laundresses, who shamefully abuse the place appointed for emptying close stools.

Mr. Treasurer shall have the Bench Chamber in Pump Court late assigned to Sir George Treby, now Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, to take possession at the end of the year of grace; and Sir John Somers, their Majesties' Attorney-General, that now in his own possession, late assigned to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden 28 Oct., 1692.

Mr. Scory Barker is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Martin Ryder for next Autumn. *Latin.*

Mr. Henry Collins having paid his fine, shall have his bond delivered to him to be cancelled on payment of his duties.

The order for enforcing payment of arrears of commons amounting to 40*s.* is to be fixed on the screen.

Mr. W. Leigh's chamber is to be seized and sold for payment of his arrears. Time till next Parliament is given to Messrs. M. Ryder, T. Gent, and J. Wheeler.

Mr. Orlibar is chosen to succeed Mr. Medlicott as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Mr. Whitaker's part of Mr. Ludlow's chamber shall be seized and padlocked for his neglect to admit himself into it; and also Mr. Serjeant Tate's late chamber, unless Mr. Earle procures some member of this Society to be admitted thereunto before next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to confer with the Treasurer of the Inner Temple about repairing a dangerous building in Inner Temple Lane belonging to that House.

Messrs. J. Whitfeild, J. Lane, T. Lake, and S. Tryst are called up to the Bench in order to their reading. Mr. Whitfeild and Mr. Lane having no chambers, are to deposit 50*l.* till they have performed their readings or been admitted into chambers.

Thomas Minors' petition for a longer lease in Mr. E. Fawkenor's chamber, in which Mr. Fawkenor was willing to surrender his estate for life to the House, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

John Thomas, Washpot, is given 10*l.* to relieve him in his sickness.

Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Archbold are to report at next Parliament about the mismanagement of the books in the Library and the neglect of attendance there.

Parliament holden 25 Nov., 1692.

Mr. Treasurer may make a lease of Mr. Fawkenor's chamber on his surrender to Thomas Minors, bookseller, for ninety-nine years, if he live so long, at 5*l.* yearly rent.

The Library Keeper is required to attend next Parliament. Mr. Treasurer elect, and Mr. Archbold are appointed a committee to inspect the Library, and to report at next Parliament.

The six senior Readers of the Bench in town, and any other Masters, or any three, are appointed to audit Mr. Medlycott's account.

Mr. Thomas Chute being made Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, is called up as associate to the Bench.

Mr. Medlycott accepts as his perquisite a chamber three pair of stairs in Pump Court fallen to the House by Mr. J. Sayer's death, and has power to transfer it to any member of this House with an assignment.

On Mr. W. Trench's petition, all his vacations and assignments are remitted. His bond and that of R. Warburton shall be returned, as they have paid pensions and other duties and charges of suit.

The petition of the executors of Samuel Vincent, esq., is referred to Mr. Treasurer, with power to take their surrender of a chamber in Garden Court purchased by him in his son's name, a minor and lately put apprentice, if it be with his consent and for his good.

Mr. Smith, the organ maker, shall be paid all arrears for cleaning, repairing, and keeping in tune the organ, at the rate of 10*l.* a year for this House, and in future during pleasure.

Widow Robins' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The petition of Henry Smith, Puisne Butler, complaining of having been beaten by Mr. J. Woodroffe, is referred to Mr. Treasurer to settle, or to report at next Parliament.

The order against a gaming Christmas is to be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 27 Jan., 1692.

The order touching the Library Keeper is continued to next Parliament.

The account of Mr. Medlycott, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

Mr. A. Turnor's bond shall be delivered to him on paying his fine of 15*l.*, and Mr. G. South's on paying his duties.

The order for enforcing the payment of commons is to be fixed on the screen, and Mr. Treasurer is desired to put it in execution.

Messrs. J. Scroope and E. Whitaker are proposed for the next call to the Bar.

Mr. Morgan shall have the Bench Chamber in Garden Buildings vacant by Mr. Archbold's death; Sir Richard May that under the Hall now in possession of Mr. Medlycott, when he removes at the end of the year of grace to Sir George Treby.

Parliament holden 10 Feb., 1692.

Mr. Scory Barker, Reader elect for next Lent, is confirmed. Messrs. Bradbury and Haggatt are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

The order touching the Library is continued to next Parliament.

Messrs. J. Scroope and E. Whitaker are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Mr. Nathaniel Haggatt having paid 200*l.*, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

In compassion for the poor and low condition of Mr. Archbold's widow, 10*l.* shall be given her, and 20*l.* a year during pleasure.

Mr. Hervey shall have 10*l.* for his present relief.

By order of 6 Nov., 1668, the door of the house where the close stools are emptied is to be kept locked from 8 A.M. till 7 P.M. Mrs. Smith, wife of one of the Butlers, is to keep the key, with such allowance as Mr. Treasurer shall think fit.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The petition of Messrs. J. Hoblyn, J. Brockett, and E. Hoblyn for rebuilding a decayed building next Middle Temple Gate, and for an allowance and addition in point of interest in the new building, is referred to Messrs. Smith, Thursby, Medlycott, Bowes, and Gillingham, or any three, Mr. Treasurer to be one; to report at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 5 May, 1693.

The above committee, having heard the petitioners, and Mr. J. Radford and F. Leigh with their workmen, have come to the following resolutions:—

Present, Messrs. Thursby, Orlebar, Bowes, and Gillingham, 27 March, 1693.

The building shall be pulled down and rebuilt soon after Trinity Term.

The petitioners shall be the undertakers.

They shall agree with all other parties concerned; and in case of difference, the Benchers shall be umpires.

The undertakers or their workmen shall present a model of the new building to the committee on Tuesday, 4 April, at 4 P.M. Mr. Radford shall also consider the model.

The builders shall have two assignments added to their present estate in their respective chambers.

Mrs. Mary Felton, widow, or her nominee, on surrender of her present lease for about fourteen years, shall have a new lease for forty-one years of her shop and chamber at her present rent.

The House shall have a surveyor to judge of the substantialness of the new building.

The undertakers shall give notice to all who have chambers in the old building, and to those who have chambers over the Great Gate northwards and in the new building on the south side of the old building, to remove and secure their goods, as both the staircases must be pulled down and rebuilt before any work is begun.

At another meeting, 4 April, 1693. Present, Messrs. Thursby, Orlebar, and Bowes.

That the new building shall be four stories high above the cellars, with substantial oaken timbers in the front for convenience of light. That persons interested in the new chambers which shall be meliorated, shall make reasonable allowance to the owners of chambers taken away, and to those whose chambers shall be pejorated. All is to be valued by workmen indifferently chosen, and in case of difference, to be settled by their Masterships.

All this is approved and confirmed in Parliament.

Some new proposals exhibited by the petitioners are referred to the same committee, to report at next Parliament. Mr. Treasurer is to prepare articles between himself and the undertakers pursuant to the above orders before the first Parliament of next term.

On Mr. R. Agar surrendering to the House his interest in a chamber which he lately bought of Mr. S. Kecke, adjoining the shop of William Garfoote, watchmaker, the chamber shall be converted into a shop on its rebuilding, and Mr. Treasurer may make Garfoote a lease thereof for forty years at 5*s.* yearly rent.

John Thomas' petition that Mr. Archbold owed his wife 31*s.*, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. E. Mannyn's bond shall be delivered to him on his paying his arrears of duties.

The chambers of Messrs. C. Turnor and H. Higden shall be seized unless their arrears of duties are paid before next Parliament.

Mr. John Proby, a Master of the Bench, has power to transfer his chamber in Elme Court as a sole chamber, but the person admitted is to pay double duties.

Messrs. E. Cox, C. Bastard, P. Peirsehouse, E. Peck, E. Hart, S. Cowper, J. Farrington, W. Coles, R. Partridge, A. Davy, R. Palmer, W. Croker, H. Waldron, J. Wells, and S. Wade are proposed for the call to the Bar at the next Parliament.

Mr. J. Scroope, lately called to the degree of the Utter Bar, is to be published.

Dr. Barbon and Mr. Foltropp, the carpenter, having at their request been fully heard in Parliament, it is ordered with their mutual consent, that the gentlemen with whom they had contracted for four several chambers in the new building by the Thames be forthwith admitted. That 438*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* remaining to be paid on the four chambers, on the receipt thereof be paid to Mr. John Coggs, goldsmith, and his partner; and that the note given by Coggs for the money be kept by the Under-Treasurer till further order. Other matters in difference between them are referred to Mr. Treasurer, Mr. Gillingham, and Mr. Weldon, or any two, to be finally determined, unless they can come to an agreement themselves. They are to report at the first Parliament of next term.

Parliament holden 26 May, 1693.

New proposals of the builders in Middle Temple Lane are referred to the former committee to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Kecke shall have the 40*l.* deposited by him on the sale of his chamber, on paying his duties.

(The next entry, according to a marginal note, was "obliterated at next Parliament.")

Messrs. C. Turnor and H. Higden have further time till the first Parliament of Michaelmas Term.

Mr. Scory Barker having paid 200*l.* is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

Mr. Bowes has power to transfer his chamber in Elme Court to his son with an assignment.

Messrs. W. Coles, J. Meller, T. Hanbury, J. Godfrey, T. Pecke, W. Bossevile, C. Barlee, W. Helwys, G. Fulwood, T. Veele, L. Holker, W. Nutley, R. Palmer, R. Patridge, H. Walrond, P. Persehouse, S. Wade, A. Davy, C. Bastard, E.

Lisle, E. Hart, S. Cowper, J. Orlebar, M. Bowes, and J. Farrington are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Messrs. C. Broughton, E. Coxe, W. Croker, R. Petty, J. Wells, H. Wells, R. Fane, and E. Bound are also called of grace.

On the complaint of gentlemen under the Bar that they could not be admitted to perform their moots in the Hall in vacation as formerly, because of new orders lately made by the vacation Barristers; Mr. Treasurer is desired to examine the orders, books, and papers, relating to exercises in the Hall, and to report at next Parliament.

No person shall be put in the paper of gentlemen who stand for the Bar unless he has performed some moots in the Hall, though he is of full time.

The bonds of Messrs. A. Springett and P. Blake are to be delivered to them, as they have paid their duties.

Mr. Wallop and other Masters of the Bench above seventy years of age have leave to take as many repasts in the Hall in term time as they please without being cast into commons.

Debate about Mr. Conyers is adjourned to the next call to the Bench.

Parliament holden 16 June, 1693.

The building by the Middle Temple Gate shall be forthwith proceeded with by those proprietors who will build according to former orders. Mr. Treasurer is desired to mediate between parties concerned, and to report at next Parliament.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to consider of the best ways for the better performance of exercises and moots in the Hall; to examine the Steward's book of commons to see what is in arrear for apparells in vacation commons, and how they arose; to propose some expedient for regulating these excesses; and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Samuel Travers, being made Surveyor-General to their Majesties by patent, is called up as Associate to the Bench in place of the late Sir Charles Harbord.

The debate about dispensing with Messrs. H. Walrond, W. Coles, J. Godfrey, C. Bastard, and E. Cox for receiving the Sacrament in the Temple Church before being published, is adjourned to next Parliament.

Messrs. J. Reilly and J. Moxon are proposed for the next call to the Bar.

Mr. Morgan is to inspect the Library, examine the catalogues, inquire into the management, and report at next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Gillingham and Morgan are desired to consider how the place where close stools are emptied may be amended, to prevent the offence and ill scent to chambers over it.

The chamber of Mr. S. Gwillim, who has been dead above a year, shall be seized unless some member of the House be admitted thereto before next Parliament. A copy of this order left with the person residing at the chamber, shall be sufficient notice.

Mr. W. Feake's chamber shall be seized unless his pensions and other duties are paid before next Parliament.

Parliament holden 30 June, 1693.

Mr. Martin Ryder, Reader elect for next Autumn, is confirmed. *Latin.*

Messrs. H. Walrond, W. Coles, J. Godfrey, and C. Bastard, lately called to the degree of the Utter Bar, have leave to be published.

Mr. J. Moxon is called of grace to the same degree.

The order touching the Library is continued to next Parliament. It is referred to Mr. Morgan to procure some Latin bookseller to new model and catalogue the books, to supply what law books are wanting, and to get new chains for such books as he shall direct.

Three weeks is given to Mr. S. Gwillim's executrix to admit some member of the House into his chamber.

Mr. W. Feake's chamber shall be sold unless his duties are paid before next Parliament.

The report of the committee for the building at the Gate is confirmed; that on 24 June, 1693, they agreed that the builders should have a year to build and be admitted to their chambers; that the first admission should be without fine, and the fines for admissions on assignments should be only 40*s.*; that the owners of the chambers who use the two staircases which must be pulled down, shall pay their proportion of the charge of rebuilding the staircases, which are defective and will be "meliorated" by rebuilding. The new building shall be built as now, for chambers and height of stories. They shall begin to pull down the old building on or before

1 August, and employ workmen meantime to prepare the timber front. If the building shall not be proceeded in within the time aforesaid, the parties concerned who will build have leave to go on to build in the manner appointed by the former order.

Mr. Treasurer shall not have power to abridge commons for this Summer vacation before the first Saturday in August.

A gratuity of 10*l.* shall be given to Mr. Gillingham, Reader in the Church.

Widow Robins shall have five marks for her service in the buttery.

Mr. Treasurer may lay out on works this vacation as much more than 50*l.* as he shall see cause for, the former order notwithstanding.

Mr. Treasurer shall, if he can, purchase two chambers for Bench Chambers this vacation.

The chambers of Mr. A. Wingfeild and Sir J. Tillie shall be seized if their pensions and other duties are not paid before next Parliament.

As apparells in vacation times have run up lately to 10*l.* and 12*l.* a week, amounting to above 80*l.*, so that commons in term times is much dearer than it would be; it is ordered that in future the vacation Barristers and others keeping commons in vacation times shall not run above 3*l.* in apparells in one week. The rest of the weekly charge shall be equally borne by those in commons. If the surveyors of the weekly expenses shall sign or refuse to sign commons weekly contrary to this order, Mr. Treasurer or the senior Master of the Bench in town is to break up commons for that vacation, and every vacation Barrister then in commons shall forfeit such vacation. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

For the more regular performance of exercises in the Hall in vacation times, no student shall have his exercise accepted who is under three years' standing. As the nearer gentlemen are to the Bar in standing, so the more it imports them to have done their exercises, therefore the vacation Barristers at their wonted times for accepting exercises, usually Saturdays, shall prefer the two seniors who tender themselves to perform exercises before their puisnees, then the next two seniors, and so downwards till all have performed, and not a senior and a puisnee as has been practised of late. No exercise shall be

allowed unless the pleadings be drawn and repeated at large. Exercises may be performed twice a day, immediately after dinner and after supper. This order shall be fixed on the screen and over the Bar table in vacation times.

[Parliament holden 28 Oct., 1693.]

Mr. Daniel Fox is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. John Whitfeild for next Autumn. *Latin.*

The order touching apparells is continued, and is to be read at next Parliament.

The chambers of Messrs. W. Feake and A. Wingfeild are to be sold.

The request of Mr. Bowyer, a Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple, for leave to erect a woodhouse on the Middle Temple ground near his chamber in Figg Free Court, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Messrs. J. How, L. Braddon, H. Darnell, and J. Reilly are proposed for the call to the Bar at the next Parliament.

Mr. Bowes is chosen to succeed Mr. Orlebar as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Mr. H. Higden is allowed till next Parliament for the payment of his great arrears of duties.

The difference between Messrs. J. Moxon and C. Wheeler, chamber-fellows, about a place to lay wood in, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. J. Moxon, lately called to the degree of the Utter Bar, has leave to be published.

Parliament holden 24 Nov., 1693.

To reduce the excessive charge of commons, it is ordered that both in term and vacation commons shall be orderly brought up into the Hall to be eaten there or in the buttery, and not elsewhere. No commons of meat, bread, or beer shall be delivered out to be carried to any Bencher, Barrister, or other member of the House. Officers doing so shall lose their places. The Steward shall take account at every meal of what is spent either in kitchen, buttery, or cellar, to see that no more is put in charge than what is really spent, and that what is left at every meal is carefully laid up in the "bings" or larder towards the service of the officers in the buttery at the next meal. The Butler whose office it is to keep the paper

of commons, shall after every meal deliver to the surveyors a note of the names, or at least the number, of those who have eaten in the Hall or buttery that meal. The Porter must attend in his gown from the blowing of the horn to the shutting of the cellar and Hall doors, and suffer no loose persons to be at the screen or in the buttery during that time. This order shall be fixed on the screen to-morrow.

Mr. Martin Ryder having paid 200*l.*, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

The usual committee is appointed to audit Mr. Orlebar's account.

The order touching apparells is confirmed. Mr. Treasurer's conduct is approved. The excess in last vacation is to be considered at next Parliament.

Messrs. J. How, L. Braddon, J. Reilly, and T. Corbett are called to the degree of the Utter Bar, and Mr. H. Darnell of grace.

Mr. H. Higden is given till next Parliament to pay his arrears, provided that he forthwith repairs the roof of his chamber to keep dry the three gentlemen whose chambers are under his.

Mr. B. James' chamber shall be seized unless he pays his arrears of pensions and other duties before next Parliament.

The order against a gaming Christmas is to be fixed on the screen.

The petitions of William Garfoote, watchmaker, Mr. W. Fish, and Mr. F. Leigh are referred to Mr. Treasurer, to settle a division of the chamber new built between them.

Susanna Burford's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Hervey shall have 30*l.* given him for his relief.

Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Morgan are desired to inspect the Library, and to report at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 26 Jan., 1693.

The account of Mr. Orlebar, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

The order about apparells in vacation is referred to next Parliament, when the performance of exercises and gentlemen eating in the Hall without their gowns will be also considered.

Mr. H. Higden's chamber is to be sold. Mr. Masters on paying Higden's duties has leave to propose a purchaser, and to have the overplus.

The orders concerning Mr. B. James and the Library are continued to next Parliament.

An information shall be prosecuted in the King's Bench against Mr. F. Leigh for a riot committed by him and others at a chamber in Middle Temple Lane.

The last order for payment of commons is to be fixed on the screen.

Lucy, relict and executrix of Richard Ashfeild, esq., a member of this House, has power to transfer her husband's chamber in Essex Court to Mr. Alexander James, according to a contract made by him with her husband.

Mrs. Clerke's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. J. How, lately called to the degree of the Utter Bar, has leave to be published.

No Barrister shall be published for completing his degree without bringing a certificate to Mr. Treasurer, when he last received the Sacrament in some Protestant congregation, signed by the minister thereof.

The chamber in Pumpe Court, lately purchased for a Bench Chamber, is to be disposed of at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 9 Feb., 1693.

Mr. Daniel Fox, elected Reader for next Lent, is confirmed. Messrs. Barker and Ryder are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

The order touching Mr. Masters is continued to next Parliament. The order about the Library is referred to the last Parliament of next term.

Mr. Gillingham shall have the Bench Chamber up two pair of stairs in Pump Court lately purchased; Mr. Entwisle that in the Garden Court lately assigned to Mr. Gillingham; Sir Richard May that in Elme Court lately assigned to Mr. Entwisle; and Mr. Weldon that under the Hall lately assigned to Sir Richard May.

In consequence of the dearness of eatable provisions, vacation Barristers and gentlemen who keep commons shall pay 8*s.* 6*d.* a week a man for commons. The surveyors and auditors of the weekly expense shall not sign commons at less, nor put in apparells above 3*l.* a week. If they sign or refuse to sign contrary to this order, any other Barrister or gentleman in commons may sign. If all refuse or neglect to sign, then Mr. Treasurer shall break up commons, and every

vacation Barrister then in commons shall forfeit his vacation. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

No member of the Society shall take commons in the Hall unless in his gown. Any Barrister in vacation times coming to commons in the Hall without his gown, shall forfeit that vacation. Any gentleman under the Bar breaking this order shall not be called to the Bar. Officers attending commons are required to give notice of defaulters weekly to Mr. Treasurer. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Mr. F. Leigh having said what he could about causing a partition in a chamber in Middle Temple Lane to be broken down, is ordered to set it up again as before before 20 Feb.

The petition of the bricklayer and carpenter who erected the new building by Middle Temple Gate, is referred to Mr. Treasurer to assist them in getting the money due to them.

On surrender by William Phillips, the House joiner, of his present lease of two shops and a little room over them at the west end of the Hall, whereof there is about nine years to run, Mr. Treasurer has power to grant him a new lease for forty-one years at the same rent.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

John Thomas' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Parliament holden by adjournment, 20 Feb., 1693.

Mr. F. Leigh is given till this day "sennett" to set up the partition. Mr. Treasurer is to report to Parliament, which is adjourned to that day at 5 P.M.

Parliament holden 27 April, 1694.

The order touching Mr. Masters is continued to next Parliament.

The order for signing commons in the vacation at 8*s.* 6*d.* a week a man is referred to next Parliament.

The differences between the builders and the workmen at the building by the Great Gate are referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament. If he sees cause, he shall require the parties to attend.

Mr. F. Leigh must attend next Parliament to answer for his contempts and outrages, or else be expelled.

Mr. J. Hancocke's petition for an assignment in his son's ground chamber in Garden Court, lately bought of Mr. Peisley, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. R. Fidoe's petition to be admitted with an assignment in Mr. R. Waring's chamber in Essex Court on his surrender, is also referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Unless Mr. J. Coppen procures himself to be admitted before next Parliament into the chamber in Essex Court for which he contracted with Mr. G. Tipping above a year ago, and paid for it, and ought to have been admitted within three months, it shall be seized and padlocked.

The executor of Mr. H. Milborne, who has been dead above a twelvemonth, is required to admit some member of the House into his chamber over the Cloisters before next Parliament, or it will be seized.

Messrs. F. Winington, E. Winington, G. Jackman, R. Prideaux, T. Stevens, T. Hunt, E. Sayer, J. Willimott, R. Browne, A. Kenricke, J. Troughton, N. Nicholls, G. Clive, J. Doble, J. Welboare, and J. Turbill are proposed for the call to the Bar at the next Parliament.

The order for buying another Bench Chamber is to be executed as soon as may be.

Parliament holden 18 May, 1694.

The order for signing commons in vacation at 8*s.* 6*d.* is to be further considered at next Parliament.

The chambers of Messrs. T. Dickins and J. Childe being uppermost in the new buildings by Middle Temple Gate, shall be seized and sold if the workmen are not paid, and likewise their arrears of duties, before next Parliament.

Mr. Francis Leigh is expelled.

On Mr. W. Turbill's surrender, his son, Mr. J. Turbill, shall be admitted into his chamber in Brick Court for a life and two assignments.

The fine imposed on Mr. C. Mayne is remitted.

Mr. Chute, an associate to the Bench, has leave to transfer his chamber up three pair of stairs in Essex Court for a life and two assignments.

Messrs. C. Tuckey, H. Aston, H. Marriott, T. Hunt, J. Willymott, J. Welbore, T. Hall, T. Langford, G. Jackman, J. Wight, F. Winnington, E. Winnington, C. Nowes, J. Turbill, N. Nicholls, G. Clive, A. Kenricke, R. Prideaux, and G. Barwicke are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

The calls to the Bar of Mr. R. Browne and Mr. J. Doble are adjourned to the next Parliament on their procuring themselves to be admitted to chambers meanwhile.

Mr. J. Borlace's bond is to be delivered to him on his paying his duties.

No person not a member of this Society shall be suffered to dine or sup in the buttery except the officers of the House and Benchers' Clerks.

Parliament holden 8 June, 1694.

The order for signing commons in vacation at 8*s.* 6*d.* a week, is to be further considered at next Parliament.

Mr. R. Browne is called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Messrs. E. Corbett, E. Sayer, J. Troughton, and T. Stevens are called of grace.

The calling of Messrs. J. Doble and W. Hawkey is referred to next Parliament, so as they qualify themselves with chambers meantime.

The petition of the workmen who built the chambers in two staircases by the Great Gate, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, Messrs. Orlebar, Gillingham, Morgan, and Weldon, or any three, to settle the rates to be paid by the gentlemen, or to report at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 22 June, 1694.

Mr. John Whitfeild, Reader elect for next Autumn, is confirmed. Messrs. Ryder and Fox are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

The surveyors and auditors of the weekly expense in the vacations shall during next vacation and till further order sign commons so as not to put in apparells above 4*l.* in any one week. If they shall not sign according to this order, any other Barrister or gentleman in commons may sign. If all refuse or neglect, Mr. Treasurer shall break up commons, and every vacation Barrister then in commons shall forfeit his vacation. This order shall be fixed on the screen and in the Hall.

Mr. W. Hawkey is called to the degree of the Utter Bar of grace. Mr. J. Doble is referred to next Parliament, so as he qualifies himself with a chamber meantime.

On the committee's report on the chambers by the Gate, the rates agreed to be paid to the workmen are approved. Mr. Brockett is ordered to comply therewith, and pay accordingly.

The chambers of Messrs. T. White and T. Dickins will be seized and sold if their arrears of commons, pensions, and other duties are not paid before next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to consider of bringing down the water in a leaden pipe from the roof of the building where Thomas Minors the bookseller's shop is, he offering to be at half the charge.

Mr. Treasurer is to warn strangers lodging in any chambers of the House to remove.

As Mr. J. Greene was by mistake admitted, having been before admitted into another Inn of Court, his fine is to be refunded and his name in the book obliterated.

Widow Robins shall have five marks for her service in the buttery.

Francis Paine's petition for carrying up a brick chimney instead of a tin funnel, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The paper signed by many gentlemen of the Bar and others is to be considered on Friday night, to which time this Parliament is adjourned. The Library Keeper shall have notice to attend at that time to answer complaints of neglect.

Parliament holden 26 Oct., 1694.

Mr. Joseph Lane is elected Reader for next Lent. *Latin.*

Only one Reader shall be appointed for the ensuing year.

Mr. Gillingham is chosen to succeed Mr. Bowes as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament in this term.

Calling up to the Bench is adjourned to the last Parliament of this term.

Mr. T. White's chamber is to be sold for payment of his arrears.

The bonds of Messrs. J. Marsh and L. Hill are to be delivered to them on payment of their duties.

Thomas Machon is appointed Porter *vice* Thomas Ford, deceased.

The last order about arrears of commons is to be fixed on the screen.

Mr. W. Hall of the Utter Bar has leave to sell his chamber for a life and two assignments, he being to lose an assignment in a chamber of much more value on the north side of Pump Court, which he has lately purchased from Mr. S. Broughton.

The watermen's petition touching the repair of the "cawsey" from Temple Bridge, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. B. Tonstall is required to attend the last Parliament this term to show cause why he should not forfeit his cellar, for the annoyance caused to the chambers in that staircase.

Mr. R. Goodricke is proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

Adjourned to Wednesday evening.

Parliament holden by adjournment 31 Oct., 1694.

Messrs. Charles Barlee, Robert Browne, vacation Barristers, Christopher Maine, and Lockey Hill are expelled for having torn down orders from the screen, affronted and assaulted Masters of the Bench in the Hall and Parliament Chamber, taken away the Book of Public Acts and Orders, broken open the Hall, kitchen, and cellar doors, taken away the key of the Hall door and some of the plate, and set orders of their own contriving on the screen in the Hall and other places in term time. Their chambers shall be seized to the use of the House.

Parliament holden 23 Nov., 1694.

The orders for appointing but one Reader and for calling to the Bench are referred to the last Parliament of next term.

Mr. J. Dobell is called of grace to the degree of the Utter Bar. Mr. R. Goodricke is referred to next Parliament, so as he qualifies himself with a chamber and pays his duties meantime.

Further time is given to Mr. Fox, till the last Parliament of next term.

Mr. Whitfeild having deposited 50*l.* when Mr. Medlicott was Treasurer, and now 150*l.*, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

No Christmas shall be kept. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

The usual committee is appointed to audit the account of Mr. Bowes, the last Treasurer.

Mr. Treasurer has power to make a lease to Mr. Bowyer of a little woodhouse erected at his charge on Middle Temple ground over against his chamber in Figgtree Court, at 1*s.* yearly rent as long as he continues in his chamber.

Messrs. Wallop, Staples, Smith, Thursby, Medlicott, Orlebar,

Bowes, Mr. Treasurer, Sir Richard May, Mr. Weldon, and any other Masters whom Mr. Treasurer shall call, or any six, are appointed a committee to attend on the Lord Chief Justice.

The administrator of Mr. W. Coppin, deceased, has till the last Parliament in Easter Term for the sale of his chamber.

The petition of the late Porter's widow is referred to Mr. Treasurer, the relief not to exceed 5*l.*

The petition of Mr. Richard Gillingham, Clerk, is referred to the last Parliament of next term.

John Thomas shall have 40*s.* for his service at the Gate in the Porter's sickness.

Mr. G. Mellish's bond is to be delivered up on payment of his duties.

Mrs. Archbold shall have an advance of 5*l.* to supply her present necessity.

The motion on behalf of Mr. T. Lake of the Utter Bar, that the chamber lately bought by him from Mr. Proby, chargeable with double duties upon an ancient consolidation, might be reduced to single duties as most chambers in that building, he having been at great charge for improving it, is referred to next Parliament.

Adjourned to this day "sennett."

Parliament holden 25 Jan., 1694.

The order touching Mr. R. Goodricke is continued to next Parliament.

Mr. W. Bird is proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

The account of Mr. Bowes, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

The proprietors of the chambers lately built by the Great Gate must pay their duties and commons and procure admittances into their chambers before the last Parliament in this term, as the year allowed them expired about Michaelmas.

Mr. R. Hulse's bond shall be delivered to Mr. H. Eyre on payment of his duties. Mr. Hulse shall not come into commons without giving a new bond.

As the Steward's schedule shows above 780*l.* as due for commons, the chambers of those owing more than 40*s.* shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit, unless their arrears are paid before next Parliament. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 8 Feb., 1694.

Mr. Joseph Lane, Reader elect for next Lent, is confirmed. Messrs. Fox and Whitfeild are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

The order touching Mr. R. Goodricke is continued till the last Parliament in Easter Term.

The proprietors of the chambers in the new building by the Great Gate shall be allowed till the first Parliament of next term to pay their duties and be admitted. Notice is to be given them.

Mr. Treasurer is to examine certain debts for commons which the Steward considers desperate, amounting to above 30*l.* If so, they are to be paid out of the Treasury. Mr. Webb, the Cook, shall be lent 100*l.*, to be repaid on demand.

Mr. Gillingham, Reader in the Church, shall have 10*l.* gratuity.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Charles Wheeler's complaint that a little room is detained from him by Mr. J. Moxon, his chamber-fellow, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

On petition by Mr. J. Hoblyn of the Utter Bar and Mr. E. Hoblyn, his brother, their chambers in the new building by the Great Gate shall be consolidated, and Mr. J. Hoblyn admitted thereto for life and two assignments, on payment of his duties and commons.

The call to the Bench is adjourned until the last Parliament of next term, and likewise the order for one Reader only.

Mr. E. Fettiplace is to be admonished for having frequently disturbed Mr. Weldon, who lies beneath him, late at night.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to treat with Mr. Weldon about buying his chamber in Essex Court for a Bench Chamber.

Parliament holden 12 April, 1695.

As the proprietors of the new chambers near the Great Gate have twice had further time given them to be admitted, those who do not pay duties and commons and procure an admittance before the last Parliament in this term, shall forfeit one of the two assignments. Notice of this order is to be given them.

The order touching Mr. C. Wheeler is continued to next Parliament.

The bonds of Messrs. E. Swift, R. Langley, H. Luther, and H. Townshend are to be delivered up on payment of their duties and commons.

The petition of Mr. Turner, a Barrister of the Inner Temple, for leave to put in suit the bonds of Messrs. J. Burt and C. Ryves, as surety for whom he has been sued and has paid their duties to this House, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Notice shall be given to the executor or administrator of Mr. B. James, who died about a year ago, to execute his assignment in his chamber in the Lamb Buildings before the first Parliament in next term.

Mr. Hervey shall be allowed 10*s.* weekly from last Lady Day, out of compassion to his extreme age and indigence.

Mr. W. Byrd is called of grace to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Messrs. P. Beckford, T. Goslin, J. Booth, J. Darnell, J. Harrison, J. Fortescue, J. Shaw, and E. Waite are proposed for the call to the Bar at the next Parliament.

Mr. B. Lake's chamber shall be charged only with single duties.

The order touching Mr. E. Fettiplace is continued till next Parliament.

Parliament holden 3 May, 1695.

At the request of Messrs. Hoblyn and Brockett, till the first Parliament of next term is allowed to the proprietors of chambers in the new buildings by the Great Gate, to pay their duties and be admitted into chambers. This order shall be peremptory.

The order touching Mr. C. Wheeler is continued to next Parliament.

Notice must be given to Mr. E. Fettiplace to attend at next Parliament.

Calling up to the Bench is adjourned till the last Parliament in Michaelmas Term.

No Reader shall be appointed for next Autumn.

Mr. Treasurer shall have the Bench Chamber in Garden Court lately purchased of Mr. H. Eyre; Sir Richard May, that in Pump Court, late assigned to Mr. Treasurer; Mr. Weldon, that in Elme Court, late assigned to Sir Richard May; Mr. Proby, that under the Hall, late assigned to Mr. Weldon.

Messrs. Wallop, Orlebar, Bowes, Sir Bartholomew Shower, Mr. Rider, Mr. Lane, and any other Masters who please to

come, are appointed a committee to consider the charge of repairing the Church and beautifying the entrance; to see whether after this there will be enough money left to purchase another Bench Chamber; and to report at next Parliament.

The bonds of Messrs. M. Harrison, W. Coppin, and M. Chafe are to be delivered to them, they having paid their duties.

Messrs. D. Raye, W. Dodwell, J. Moore, P. Beckford, J. Fortescue, J. Shaw, T. Waite, J. Booth, R. Goodricke, and P. Crouch are called to the degree of the Utter Bar; and Mr. T. Gosling is called of grace, by recommendation of Sir George Treby, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas.

Messrs. R. Davy and J. Darnell are proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 24 May, 1695.

Messrs. J. Brockett, J. Radford, W. Fish, and J. Childe are allowed till this day "sennett" to be admitted into their chambers in the new buildings by the Great Gate; in default, to lose one assignment.

The order touching Mr. C. Wheeler is continued till next Parliament.

The order that there shall be no Reader this Autumn, is adjourned to next Parliament.

The committee to consider the cost of repairing the Church will meet on Saturday "sennett" at 3 P.M., and report at next Parliament.

Mr. Christopher Maine, expelled 31 Oct. last, is restored on his humble petition in writing. He is fined 10*l.*, and must give a new bond.

Mr. Treasurer is to write again to Mr. Fox that till next Parliament is given him for payment of his reading money.

Mr. H. Eyre shall have three weeks to deliver up his chamber to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. R. Davy is called to the degree of the Utter Bar, and Mr. J. Darnell is called of grace.

Mr. H. Cutts is proposed for the call to the Bar at the next Parliament.

The articles of complaint exhibited to Sir George Treby, knt., Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, and Sir Nicholas Lechmere, knt., a Baron of the Exchequer, against the Masters of the Bench, the Masters' answer and the

said Judges' order and opinion, shall be entered into the Parliament Book of Orders.

Complaints of the Barristers and Students of the Middle Temple against the Benchers to Sir George Treby and Sir Nicholas Lechmere.

1. The Treasurer and Masters of the Bench put out of commons the Barristers and students for refusing obedience to an unreasonable and unprecedented order of last Hilary Term to compel the signing of commons in vacation at unusual rates; and they were fined for forfeiting their vacations.

2. Notwithstanding the request of the Barristers and students, they refused to remit the fines or repeal the order, but caused an order of like nature to be fixed on the screen, which was the first occasion of the disorders in the House.

3. They have irregularly and ignominiously expelled several gentlemen for the said disorders.

4. They impose new fines on every gentleman called to the Bar, and remit to their sons and relations the ancient duties and fines paid by others.

5. The Under-Treasurer, encouraged by his long continuance in his office, exacts excessive fees. He ought to be annually elected.

6. They have permitted shops and huts to be built to the annoyance and scandal of the Society.*

7. They have turned Mr. Francis Leigh's chamber into a shop against his consent.

8. Gentlemen at the Bar jointly with the Bench, ought to audit the public accounts, according to the ancient constitutions.

9. The refusal to call Mr. Conyers and Mr. Cowper to the Bench with the usual privileges of King's Counsel, is a disrespect to their Majesties, and so resented by this Society.

The Barristers and students having ineffectually applied to the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench to rectify the above, entreat Treby and Lechmere to summon them to show cause why they should not redress the same for the common good and peace of the Society.

The original signed:—Hutton Byerly. Wm. Culpeper. J. Asgill. Law. Holker. Tho. Webb. Wm. Earle. Wm. Fish.

* This article, though numbered "6," is entered after article 8.

John Ivy. Wm. Ball. Cop. Bastard. Hen. Walrond. Anth. Trollop. John Meller. James Cowse. Tho. Hunt. Henry Berkley. Jo. Fortescue. And. Kenricke. Ja. How. John Godfrey. Theop. Langford. Hen. Liddell. Ja. Worsley. Hu. Stratford. Geo. Clive. Wm. Helwys. R. Palmer. E. Blundell. E. Shelley. R. Gostelow. Jo. Bigg. Jo. Moxon. Wm. Moore. G. Adderly. C. Barlee. Fra. Drew. Christ. Mayne. John Doyley. John Revett. Hen. Marriott. Hen. Martyn. Wm. Salkeld. Chr. Lowther. Chich. Young. Andrew Davy.

The Answer of the Masters of the Bench.

The gentlemen who delivered the paper style themselves "the Barristers and students of the Society of the Middle Temple," as if they were the whole number. Hope they will not be so reputed, for there are above 400 resident Barristers and students, and the subscribers are only 45. Most of them have in a notorious and riotous manner broken the orders and rules of the Society, and even of civility and common decency. Others have been prevailed upon by the suggestions and menaces of turbulent persons.

The Middle Temple, ever since they were a Society, have been governed by orders made by Masters of the Bench, and offenders against them have been fined, expelled, and their chambers seized, as appears by precedents above 100 years ago. The present Masters have made no orders but what were useful for the good government of the Society, and agreeable to justice, reason, and former customs.

1 and 2. In Trinity vacation, 1658, and to Michaelmas vacation, 1666, vacation commons were signed at 8*s.* a week, except one week at 8*s.* 6*d.*, three weeks at 7*s.* 6*d.*, one week at 6*s.* 6*d.*, and half a week at 5*s.*; and reading weeks at 13*s.*

In Trinity Term, 1688, there remained in apparells but 18*s.* In Trinity Term, 1691, 19*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.* In Trinity Term, 1692, 27*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* In Hilary Term, 1693, 100*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.*

On 9 Feb., 1693, the Parliament observing how the vacation Barristers had run the House into debt, and the dearness of provisions, ordered commons to be signed for that vacation at 8*s.* 6*d.* a week, so as not to cast above 3*l.* a week in apparells. Parliament may limit vacation Barristers so that they shall not put the House in debt more than 3*l.* or 4*l.* a week for their commons, as appears by the order of 27 Jan., 1664, that

no apparells shall be cast upon the House but broken sums under 20*s.*; by the order of 17 June, 1670, that vacation commons shall be charged at 7*s.* weekly, they being a little before signed at 6*s.* 6*d.*; by the order of 26 April, 1672, that the Steward should make a roll and charge gentlemen in commons at 7*s.* because they would only sign at 6*s.* 6*d.* and cast the rest upon apparells. On 27 Nov., 1674, Mr. Merrett and others were fined five marks for obstructing the signing of commons at 7*s.* a week, and Mr. Merrett expelled. Notwithstanding the reasonableness of the order of 9 Feb., 1693, vacationers next week signed commons but at 7*s.* and put 13*l.* 4*s.* on the House for apparells. The Treasurer therefore broke up that vacation that the vacationers might not be boundless and increase the debt as much as they pleased. However, to oblige the vacationers, who complained that 8*s.* 6*d.* was too high, it was ordered on 22 June, 1694, that vacation commons should be signed so as not to cast more than 4*l.* a week in apparells. It was thought that this would have satisfied the vacationers, who had declared that they would be content with such an order, but when it was set on the screen they threw pots at the Porter's head who stood by it, and to save his life he was forced to run away. Several of them clamorously and riotously tore down the order, affronted and hooted the Benchers from dinner out of Hall, and afterwards made a mutiny and faction, committing great enormities and outrages.

3. The order expelling Messrs. Maine, Barlee, Browne, and Hill expresses the offence for which they were expelled. It ought to be read, and will justify itself. Formerly gentlemen were expelled for much less offences.

On 7 Feb., 1588, Mr. Phillips for his misdemeanour in words to Mr. Harris of the Bench was fined 10*l.*, and to reconcile himself to him before next term, or else to lose his chamber and not be restored. On 5 March, 1592, Mr. Fleetwood and Mr. Martin were expelled for misdemeanours to the Masters of the Bench; and on their petition their suit was referred to next Parliament, they meanwhile to be suitors to all the Masters of the Bench for their favour. On 10 June, 1608, Mr. Ford, being expelled for misdemeanour, was ordered on his petition to pay 40*s.* to the Masters of the Bench at the Bench table, and to be restored on submitting with penitency. On 26 Nov., 1561, it was ordered that none beat any of the Butlers or other officers, on

pain of expulsion. On 16 Nov., 1612, Mr. Rochester and Mr. Plowden were fined for sending a challenge to one another, and were to be expelled if they quarrelled further. On 24 May, 1613, Mr. Rutter was expelled for assaulting Mr. Boner. On 25 May, 1614, Mr. Callow was expelled for breaking Benchers' windows. Four gentlemen were expelled for endeavouring to make a mutiny about wearing hats on 23 May, 1617. (*f.* 116 b.*).

Besides the offences for which Mr. Maine and Mr. Barlee were expelled, they have since set up in term time a paper on the screen to terrify gentlemen from coming into commons. They beat John Blyth, one of the Butlers, for taking it down to show it to the Masters, to the hazard of his life, and burnt his periwig in the fire in the Hall. They have never petitioned to be restored, though by the rules of the House no one fined or expelled is remitted or restored without petition. Mr. Maine had experience of that when he was fined 5*l.* for throwing a pot at Silvester in the Hall. Several Masters at his desire moved that the fine might be remitted, but it was refused because he had not petitioned. He then petitioned at next Parliament, and the fine was remitted. It was ordered on 20 Nov., 1590, that any one put out of commons by the Bench, a less punishment than expulsion, shall not be received into commons by the Barristers in vacation times.

4. The objection that new fines are imposed upon every gentleman called to the Bar, has not been made before. There are no such new fines, but the Benchers suppose they mean the 40*s.* paid towards the charge of the organ and new lights. The organ cost 1200*l.*, and the Benchers of the Inner Temple imposed a tax on all their Society to pay for their moiety, and also for building pews in the Church, both which were paid for by the Middle Temple out of their Treasury. They also pay out of the Treasury for the new "lucidarys," the organist, and keeping the organ, 75*l.* a year. Towards this new charge every one on being called to the Bar pays 40*s.* If they did not pay then, many would not pay at all, for many leave the House as soon as called. No one opposed or complained of this till now. The gentlemen of the Middle Temple have no reason to complain of this trifle, of paying too much for vacation commons or any other grievances, when they reflect that in other Houses for

* See p. 615. The reference is to Book C. *f.* 116 b.

absent commons, forfeiture of vacations, and other fines, the whole is exacted, but here the Treasurer usually compounds for a moiety or sometimes less. In other Houses every one pays the tax for his chamber, but here the tax for every chamber has been paid out of the Treasury. The expense of building the Temple Gate, making the fountain, repairing the garden, paving the courts, setting up pews and organs and other public buildings and ornaments has exceeded 4000*l.*, which has all been paid out of the Treasury, and the gentlemen not taxed towards it, as other Houses do, and as this House once did, as appears by the order of 11 June, 1613, when the Masters of the Bench set a tax upon every one for a building. These great payments could not have been made out of the Treasury, had not those who have been called to the Bench for about fourteen years past, since readings have been discontinued, paid 200*l.* each, that is, 400*l.* a year into the Treasury. The Benchers always had liberty to admit their sons without fine and other duties.

5. If the Masters of the Bench were informed of any excessive fees taken by the Under-Treasurer, they would reform it, but they do not believe that any but the due and ancient fees are taken. A Reader who was admitted above sixty-six years since, declares that the same fees were then paid. As to the pretence that the Under-Treasurer ought to be elected annually, it was never so used. Mr. Baldwyn was appointed Under-Treasurer 18 June, 1591, and continued for twenty-eight years. Mr. Bayliffe, a Barrister, was appointed in 1619, and continued for thirty-three years. Mr. Jones, a Barrister, was appointed in June, 1653, and continued for five years. Mr. Buck was appointed in 1658, and has continued ever since, behaving very diligently and with great integrity.

6. The complaint about shops and huts has not been mentioned before, nor is there any reason for it. They are inhabited either by servants and officers of the Temple, or by tradesmen proper and useful to the Society, such as stationers, booksellers, watchmakers, tailors, and barbers. They give no instance of any shop being an annoyance or scandal. If they had complained, the Bench would have taken order therein.

7. The objection about turning Mr. Leigh's chamber into a shop is a new invented complaint, and not true. It is a double chamber, of which Mr. Keck had one part and Mr. Leigh the other, and there was one room in common. When that

stack of building was taken down about two years ago to be rebuilt Mr. Keck was unwilling to rebuild. Mr. Leigh was offered his part, but refused to buy, and Mr. Garfoot, the watchmaker, bought it. He, with Mr. Leigh and the other gentlemen interested, finished the building, when Mr. Leigh desired that the common room might be divided, that he might have his chamber separate from Garfoote. The then Treasurer and other Masters of the Bench went to the chamber, and in the presence of Mr. Leigh and Garfoote divided the room, much to Mr. Leigh's advantage, so that Garfoote had only a shop and a little part of the common room laid into it. He was not to go through the common room, but to make a door out of his shop into the lane. It was thought that Mr. Leigh was not only content but obliged and well pleased, and the partition was set up in the place chalked out by the Benchers. Soon after Mr. Leigh brought soldiers and workmen about midnight and broke down the partition, for which he was summoned to attend the Benchers. He pretended to be sorry for what he had done, and agreed to replace the partition, which he did. Soon after, in a riotous manner, with others, he broke down the partition which he had set up, endangering his own and Garfoote's lives, on which the Lord Chief Justice sent his tipstaff to apprehend him, but he could never be found. His Lordship ordered an information to be filed against him, which was done, but he would never appear to it, and the Benchers have expelled him. It is unaccountable how the gentlemen came to espouse his quarrel.

8. As to the gentlemen at the Bar (in their former paper it was "the gentlemen at and under the Bar") auditing the public accounts with the Bench, there is no such ancient constitution. An account is given every year of all receipts and disbursements relating to the public treasure and stock, and it has always been referred by Parliament to some Masters of the Bench, who examine all the items and vouchers and report at the next Parliament. The account is then allowed or not. This is the ancient and constant usage, as appears by orders from 150 years ago down to this time. If it had not been for the money paid into the Treasury by the Benchers in the last fourteen years, the House would have no stock, but would be in debt.

9. The objection about the refusal to call Mr. Conyers and

Mr. Cowper to the Bench with the usual privileges of King's Counsel, is a new invented complaint never objected before, and a malicious charge of disrespect to the King. It is not true that the Society resents it. The senior Barristers with whom the Benchers have discoursed about this matter are against it, and it is the interest of all Barristers and students to oppose it. As the King has made two under the Bench his Counsel, he may make many more. If Mr. Conyers and Mr. Cowper think themselves aggrieved, they know how to apply. Mr. Conyers has done so very importunately to the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal, to the present Lord Keeper and to the Judges assembled at Serjeant's Inn, but they have thought fit to leave it as it is.

It is not reasonable to expect the question about King's Counsel to be determined without hearing the other Societies who have made the like order as the Middle Temple, though no House has so great a cause; for here every Bencher as his time for reading comes pays 200*l.* on expectation of having a Bench Chamber and being Treasurer before any other called to the Bench after him (except the King's Attorney and Solicitor), so that he purchases a real interest, which ought not to be taken from him by his "puny." If the Society had not encouraged those called to the Bench to pay 200*l.*, the charges of the Society could not have been supported nor the buildings and ornaments paid for out of the public stock. The orders of this and other Societies about calling to the Bench are ready to be produced.

10. The insinuation that the Barristers and students have ineffectually applied to the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench to rectify these grievances, is a gross and seems a wilful and malicious reflection. In their representation to the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench there were but three grievances—the price of commons in term time, the order for signing vacation at 8*s.* 6*d.* a week, and the fines for breaking that order.

In the paper formerly presented to Lord Chief Justice Treby and Mr. Baron Lechmere there were several things which are left out in this, and many new things added in this which were never mentioned before. It seems reasonable, if they own us as Masters of the Bench in whom the government of the Society is vested, that they should have represented all their grievances to us, and desired us to reform them before

complaining to the Judges, especially before stating that they had applied to us to rectify them.

The original signed:—Rog[r] Gillingham, Trer.

The Judges' Opinion and Order.

In the Parliament Chamber, 1 March, 1694, Sir George Treby, knt., Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, and Sir Nicholas Lechmere, knt., a Baron of the Exchequer, read the preceding articles and answers and heard what could be said on both sides. On 2 May, 1695, they declared that they had considered the matters and had conferred with Judges of other Societies, who had concurred with them. They declared that they were fully satisfied that the articles of complaint were groundless and without cause; and that Messrs. Charles Barlee, Christopher Maine, Robert Browne, and Lecky Hill were justly expelled. They confirmed the order for their expulsion, but recommended to the Bench, if they thought fit, to restore Mr. Browne and Mr. Hill on their humble petitions in writing acknowledging their offence; and Mr. Maine and Mr. Barlee on doing the same and paying fines not exceeding 10*l.* each, if they apply before the last Parliament of next term. The gentlemen who keep vacation commons are to keep to the ancient commons of the House without variation. The Cook should be ordered to provide no other than the ancient commons on pain of losing his place. The vacationers shall sign commons weekly, so as to pay for the commons eaten without leaving greater apparells than the Masters of the Bench shall think fit. *The original signed*:—Geo. Treby. N. Lechmere.

Parliament holden 7 June, 1695.

Messrs. J. Childe and W. Fish shall be allowed till the first Parliament in next term to be admitted to their chambers in the new buildings by the Great Gate; in default, to lose an assignment.

The order touching Mr. Wheeler is continued till next Parliament.

The order that no Reader shall be appointed for next Autumn, is confirmed.

On Mr. Treasurer's report, Mr. Fox is given till the first Parliament of next term for payment of his reading money.

Messrs. H. Cutts and J. Harrison are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Mr. J. Staples is excused of his fines for failures of his exercise upon an assignment this term on account of sickness.

Mr. H. Higden shall have 10*l.* lent him.

Mr. J. Cowse, being admitted to a chamber for life and one assignment, and being to go shortly to Barbadoes, has leave to make a letter of attorney to surrender his chamber in his absence when a purchaser may be had, and meantime to be charged with the duties in his name.

Widow Robbins shall have five marks for her service in the buttery.

The bonds of Messrs. T. Rawlins, J. Horton, J. Wase, R. Pate, and M. Roch shall be delivered to them, they having paid their duties.

The order for Mr. C. Maine's restitution is discharged, as he has neglected to perform the conditions therein required.

On the petitions in writing of Mr. Charles Barlee and Mr. Robert Browne, Mr. Barlee shall be restored on payment of a fine of 10*l.* and his duties and commons, and giving a new bond before the first Parliament of next term; and Mr. Browne shall be restored on the same conditions, without the fine.

The ancient usage of performing and sitting upon moots and exercises in the Hall shall be revived and duly observed for the future, and cases argued as formerly. No exercise upon assignments in term time shall be allowed by the Masters of the Bench who sit upon them, unless the pleadings are drawn and repeated at large according to the ancient course. In the exercises done by mooters in vacations, the case and arguments upon it shall be put in writing by the mooters and the pleadings put in writing by him who brings in the case. After the performance of the exercise, they shall be delivered to the Butler who attends the moots and enters the moot cases in the moot book. At the end of every vacation the said Butler must bring all the said moots, pleadings, and arguments to the Treasurer that he may peruse them and give an account thereof at the next Parliament, to be allowed or disallowed. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

The gentlemen who are to keep vacation commons are to keep to the ancient commons of the House without any varia-

tion. No member shall take commons in the Hall but in his gown. The Cook is ordered to provide no other than the ancient commons of the House, on pain of losing his place. In regard to the dearness of provisions, the surveyors and auditors of the weekly expense in vacations shall, till further order, sign commons so as not to put in apparells more than 3*l.* in a week. If they shall not sign according to this order, any other Barrister or gentleman then in commons may sign. If all refuse or neglect to sign, Mr. Treasurer may break up commons, and every vacation Barrister then in commons shall forfeit his vacation. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

The order about repairing the Church and beautifying the entrance is continued.

Adjourned to this day "sennett."

Parliament holden by adjournment 14 June, 1695.

On Mr. Treasurer's report that he thought the Inner Temple would join in repairing the Church and beautifying the entrance, the former committee is continued, and any other Masters who please are to assist Mr. Treasurer, or he may proceed alone according to Sir Christopher Wren's model and estimate. The work is to be proceeded with as the committee and Mr. Treasurer can agree with the Inner Temple.

Parliament holden 25 Oct., 1695.

Mr. Thomas Lake is chosen Reader for next Lent. *Latin.*

Mr. Entwisle is chosen to succeed Mr. Gillingham as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament in this term.

Mr. W. Fish is allowed till next Parliament to be admitted to his chamber in the new buildings by the Great Gate; in default, to lose one assignment. This order shall be peremptory, he having long neglected to do it.

The order touching Mr. C. Wheeler is continued to next Parliament.

On Mr. Treasurer's report, Mr. Fox is allowed till 20 Nov. for payment of his reading money; in default, to be disbenched.

On Mr. C. Barlee's petition, his fine is reduced to 5*l.* if paid in a week.

The order touching Mr. R. Browne is respited till next Parliament by reason of his sickness.

What Mr. Treasurer has done about repairing the Church and the entrances, is approved.

On petition of Thomas Silvester, Clerk of the Church, 5*l.* a year shall be allowed him while Clerk, in lieu of his shop taken away in repairing the Church.

The salary of John Blyth, sexton and bellringer, is increased from 20*s.* a year to 3*l.* for his labour in cleaning the Church and going about with the bell now twice a day throughout the whole year, on his petition that his attendance is greater, and his perquisites diminished by the late act touching licences, etc.

Yesterday the Butler whose office is to attend the moots and enter the moot cases, delivered to Mr. Treasurer all the moots, pleadings, and arguments performed in the Hall this last vacation, and Mr. Treasurer brought them to-day to the Parliament. They are to be distributed among the Masters of the Bench, to give an account of them at next Parliament. This shall be done at the first Parliament in every term.

On report of Mr. Treasurer, who with Mr. Bowes had viewed the shed adjoining Mr. T. Gery's chamber, Mr. Gery is ordered to alter the roof before the next Parliament, that it may not be a nuisance to Mr. Malett's chamber.

Mr. B. Lynd is proposed for the call to the Bar at the next Parliament.

Parliament holden 22 Nov., 1695.

Mr. Fox having deposited 50*l.* when Mr. Medlicott was Treasurer, and now 150*l.*, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

If Mr. C. Barlee does not pay his fine of 5*l.* and his duties and commons, and give a new bond before the first Parliament of next term, the order for his expulsion will be revived.

The order touching Mr. R. Browne is respited till next Parliament because of his sickness. If not performed then, the order for his expulsion will be revived.

Messrs. B. Lynde and T. Cotton are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

A list of strangers and families residing in chambers within the Society, read at this Parliament, is referred to Mr. Treasurer to examine, and to give the persons warning to remove before next Parliament, or to seize the chambers.

Calling up to the Bench is adjourned till the last Parliament in Easter Term

Mr. Lane shall have till the first Parliament of next term to have his reading reported.

The last order about Christmas is renewed, and to be fixed on the screen.

Mr. T. Langley's bond is to be delivered up to him, he having paid all duties to the House and Steward.

Mr. Treasurer has accepted the chamber fallen to the House by Mr. J. Nowes' death as his perquisite, and has power to transfer it with an assignment before the last Parliament in Hilary Term.

Mr. Webb, the Cook, shall have 100*l.* lent him before next term, to be repaid on demand as the former 100*l.*

Mr. Treasurer and any four Masters of the Bench are to examine Mr. Steward's accounts for commons eaten in the Hall, to see how there is so great a debt to the Cook and tradesmen, and to report at next Parliament.

The usual committee is appointed to examine the account of Mr. Gillingham, last Treasurer.

Widow Clarke's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to give her relief not exceeding 5*l.*

Parliament holden 24 Jan., 1695.

If Mr. C. Barlee does not pay his fine of 5*l.* before "Munday come sennett," and his duties and commons, and give a new bond, the order for his expulsion will be peremptorily final.

Mr. R. Browne having paid his duties and commons and given a new bond, is restored to the Society and his chamber.

Mr. Lane has till the first Parliament in Easter Term to have his reading reported.

Mr. Gillingham's account is allowed.

As the debt for commons exceeds 756*l.*, unless gentlemen mentioned in a schedule presented by the Steward as 40*s.* in arrears for commons, pay before next Parliament, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

On the petition of Elizabeth Wagstaffe, widow, mother of Mr. E. Wagstaffe, a member of this House, he shall not have power to surrender his chamber without leave of Parliament.

The bonds of Messrs. A. Wingfeild and E. Prideaux, who

have paid their duties to the House and Steward, are to be delivered to them.

The disposal of the Bench Chamber vacant by Mr. Gillingham's death, is referred to next Parliament.

The Library Keeper is to attend the next Parliament to show cause why he should not be removed in consequence of the many complaints against him.

Parliament holden 7 Feb., 1695.

Mr. Thomas Lake, chosen Reader for next Lent, is confirmed. Mr. Whitfeild and Mr. Lane are appointed his Assistants. *Latin.*

Mr. C. Barlee is given till Friday next to perform the order of last Parliament.

Mr. R. Browne is fined 20*s.* for threatening and beating the servants for not helping him to beer to send to his chamber late at night when the buttery doors were locked up, and for taking his commons by force out of the buttery and carrying them to his chamber, contrary to orders.

Mrs. Wagstaffe's petition that her younger son, Henry, may be admitted into the chamber of her elder son Edwin, on his surrender, with his estate, a life and one assignment, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Bowes shall have the Bench Chamber in Garden Court vacant by the death of Mr. Gillingham; Mr. Weldon, that in Brick Court, late assigned to Mr. Bowes; and Sir Bartholomew Shower, that in Elme Court, late assigned to Mr. Weldon.

Mr. Benjamin Godwin, jun., shall be removed from being Library Keeper for his neglect, and Mr. Sampson Shelton Broughton appointed in his place, with the chamber next the roof over the Library; with the usual allowance and giving security. Mr. Treasurer is to take care that Mr. Broughton this next vacation examines the books with the several duplicates and subscribes them.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

A gratuity of 10*l.* is given to Mr. Zachariah Smartwayte, whose thigh has been broken.

A gratuity of 10*l.* is given to Mr. Gillingham, Reader in the Church.

Mr. W. Potell shall be admitted into the chamber of Mr. J Nowes, deceased, Mr. Gillingham's perquisite, with an assignment.

Mr. W. Freeman's petition to have an assignment in his chamber is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to consider the value, what sum will be laid out for improvement, and the fine; and to report at next Parliament.

Sir John Combes being in the country, has power to make a letter of attorney for the surrender of his chamber.

As the Treasurer of New Inn refuses to pay the ancient rent of 4*l.*, unless they are allowed for taxes, Mr. Treasurer is desired to examine the title to New Inn, and to report at next Parliament. Mr. Treasurer is also to report on the refusal by the Treasurer of New Inn to admit the gentlemen who attended there to read. The exercises of the said gentlemen are to be recorded.

Mr. B. Poole's chamber shall be seized and sold if his arrears of pensions and other duties are not paid before the first Parliament of next term.

Parliament holden 1 May, 1696.

John Blyth, a Butler, shall have 40*s.* for the damage he sustained in the Hall when employed by their Masterships.

If Mr. Broughton, the new Library Keeper, finds that the books are there, Mr. Treasurer shall deliver to Mr. Benjamin Godwin his securities, and put Mr. Broughton in possession, on his giving security. Mr. Treasurer is to report at next Parliament what books have been supplied by Mr. Godwin at his own charge.

Mr. W. Freeman shall have an assignment granted him in his chamber, and be admitted without fine, on account of his near relation to the late Lord Chief Baron Mountagu.

On Mr. Treasurer's report, the Treasurer and ancients of New Inn are required to attend the Parliament on this day "sennett" at 6 P.M. Meanwhile the Under-Treasurer is to search out the orders on which leases were made for the buildings lately erected at New Inn.

The order of 3 July, 1674, is revived, that Readers at New Inn shall read in person and not by deputy, unless allowed by order of Parliament. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Mr. B. Poole shall be allowed till the first Parliament of next term to pay his arrears.

The petition of Elianor Deane, widow, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

The suit against Mr. C. Allanson is to be considered this day "sennett."

Mr. J. Sparke's bond is to be delivered to him on his paying his duties to the House and Steward.

Messrs. E. Taylor, J. Milner, R. Graydon, E. Chilton, W. Ives, C. Worseley, N. Row, and T. Hiccocks are proposed for the call to the Bar at the next Parliament.

Parliament holden by adjournment 8 May, 1696.

The Treasurer and ancients of New Inn having been heard, it is ordered that the arrears of 4*l.* yearly be forthwith paid without any deduction.

Mr. J. Cowslade, who came to town to read at New Inn in person, but is compelled by sickness to keep his chamber, is allowed to read by his deputy, James Wright of the Utter Bar.

Parliament holden 22 May, 1696.

Mr. Treasurer has examined the petition of Mrs. Elianor Deane, relict and executrix of Mr. Christopher Deane, administrator to Henry Watson, who died owing 8*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* for commons eaten in the Hall, which was paid by the House to the Cook, brewer, and baker. It is ordered that this sum shall be repaid out of the money deposited on the sale of Mr. Deane's chamber, and the overplus returned to his executrix.

The bonds of Messrs. W. Cradocke, R. Noyse, J. Hoo, and K. Danvers are to be delivered to them on their paying their duties to the House and Steward.

The call to the Bench is adjourned till the last Parliament of next term.

Pope the waterman is required to make his humble submission to Mr. Treasurer for his rudeness.

The order on Mr. C. Wheeler's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Another 5*l.* is given to Mr. Zachariah Smartwaite.

Mr. T. Webb of the Utter Bar is to attend at next Parliament to state why he refuses to surrender his interest in Mr. S. Gwillim's late chamber, about which he has given a declaration of trust.

Leave is granted to Mr. Bowes to set up a monument in the Church to Mr. Hutton Byerley. Mr. Treasurer is to appoint the place.

Messrs. J. Eddowes, J. Milner, T. Mitton, T. Bringhurst, R. Gostelow, A. Newcomen, C. Worseley, T. Hiccocke, N. Row, R. Graydon, T. Goddard, W. Ives, W. Michell, W. Battishill, H. Clopton, G. Adderley, and W. Moore are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Mr. E. Chilton is also called of grace, and Mr. J. Fownes on recommendation by Lord Chief Justice Treby.

Mr. T. Ashhurst is proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 12 June, 1696.

The order touching Mr. T. Webb is continued till next Parliament.

Five of the gentlemen called to the Bar at the last Parliament have not paid the King's duty upon their call, and unless they pay it before next Parliament they will be fined 5*l.*, and not published until they have paid the fine and the duty.

The order touching Mr. T. Ashhurst is adjourned till the last Parliament of Michaelmas Term.

On Mr. Christopher Maine's humble petition, he is fined 5*l.* On payment thereof and of his duties and commons, and giving a new bond, he shall be restored.

Mr. C. Lawton is allowed to read at New Inn by James Wright of the Utter Bar or other sufficient deputy, as his want of health and necessity of affairs require his speedy return to the country.

Mr. B. Tonstall must attend Mr. Treasurer about the complaint of the annoyance caused by his cellar, which Mr. Treasurer is to see remedied.

Till next Parliament is allowed to Mr. B. Poole for the payment of his arrears of duties.

Mr. Treasurer shall send once more to the Treasurer of New Inn to demand 14*l.* for 3½ years' rent due at Ladyday last, which must be paid before next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer must have a new conveyance of New Inn made from the three surviving trustees of this House to all the present Masters of the Bench.

Parliament holden 26 June, 1696.

The matter touching Mr. Webb is referred to Mr. Treasurer and any six Masters of the Bench, to report at next Parliament.

Mr. B. Poole's chamber is to be seized and sold unless his duties are paid in a month.

On Mr. Treasurer's report that the arrears of rent demanded from New Inn are not paid, it is ordered that the rents reserved to their Masterships on several leases of divers parts of New Inn, due at Midsummer last, shall be demanded and paid into the Treasury, and the tenants are to pay no more rent to New Inn at their peril. Mr. Treasurer is to give account hereof at next Parliament.

Sir John Combes, Messrs. Henry Alnutt, Thomas Ekins, and Carleton Whitlocke are called to the Bench in order to their reading. Sir John Combes and Mr. Ekins are to deposit 50*l.* till they have performed their readings or been admitted into chambers.

A fine of 40*s.* is imposed on the chamber two pair of stairs next over the Library, from the window of which water was thrown in Mr. Treasurer's sight. If not paid, the chamber will be padlocked.

Mr. Henry Tyrer is chosen and confirmed Steward on the death of Mr. Thomas Trott. He is to give security.

Widow Robins shall have five marks for her service in the buttery.

The condition of the order for restoring Mr. C. Mayne not being performed, the order is discharged.

Parliament holden 23 Oct., 1696.

On Mr. Treasurer's report that Mr. Palmes and Mr. Webb had been fully heard before him and five or six other Masters of the Bench; Mr. Palmes shall be admitted into the chamber in Pump Court to which Mr. Webb stands admitted, and of which he had given a declaration of trust, the arrears of duties on the chamber being first paid.

Unless the duties owing by Mr. B. Poole be paid in a month, the last order is to be put in execution.

Notice shall be given again to the tenants at New Inn to pay their rent to the Middle Temple, and new buildings shall be forbidden.

Nomination of Readers for next year is adjourned to next Parliament.

Mr. C. Mayne having paid his fine of 5*l.*, shall be restored on paying his duties and commons and giving another bond.

The Under-Treasurer shall attend every one who is called up to the Bench with a note of all duties owing by him. No person shall come up to the Bench until they are paid.

Mr. Lane having deposited 50*l.* when Mr. Medlicott was Treasurer and now 150*l.*, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

Mr. Morgan is chosen to succeed Mr. Entwisle as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament in this term.

Messrs. H. Berkley, E. Taylor, and W. Yates are proposed for the call to the Bar at the next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer is to supply Mr. Webb the Cook with what money he can spare, not exceeding 100*l.*

As their Masterships have obtained judgments in two suits against Mr. C. Allanson, and taken out process thereon to arrest him, but he has escaped from the officer; unless these debts are paid before next Parliament, his chamber shall be forthwith seized and sold, and he shall be required to give a new bond before he comes into commons.

As the Steward's schedule shows that above 869*l.* is due for commons, the chambers of those who owe 5*l.* shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit, unless they pay before next Parliament. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 27 Nov., 1696.

The nomination of Readers for next year is adjourned till the first Parliament of next term.

Mr. C. Mayne is allowed till next Parliament to pay his duties and commons and give a new bond.

Mr. H. Berkley is called to the degree of the Utter Bar, and Mr. E. Taylor of grace.

Mr. H. Bestland's complaint of his chamber-fellow for erecting a study in the outward room of his chamber, is referred to Mr. Treasurer to agree the difference, or to report at next Parliament.

On Mr. R. Merrett's petition, 5*l.* is allowed him by 10*s.* a month.

Mr. Treasurer is recommended to put Mr. S. Broughton into possession of the Library and chamber appurtenant on his subscribing duplicates of the books to be kept in the Treasury and giving security. Mr. Broughton is to have the salary from the time he was chosen.

Mr. Treasurer is to admonish John Thomas, Washpot, for

an extravagant waste of pots in the Hall, sixty-five dozen having been delivered to him by the Steward this term, and if he do not reform, to remove him. He is also to reform the women who sell apples in the passages of Essex Court and Pump Court.

The usual committee is appointed to audit the account of Mr. Entwisle, the last Treasurer.

The last order about Christmas is renewed, and to be fixed on the screen.

Notice must be given to the executor of Mr. Darbisheire, who died about a year since, to execute the assignment in his chamber in Lamb Buildings before the first Parliament in next term.

The bell in the clock-house shall be rung at 6 A.M. and 9 P.M.

Parliament holden 29 Jan., 1696.

The nomination of Readers for next year is adjourned to next Parliament.

Mr. C. Mayne is allowed till next Parliament for payment of his duties and commons and giving a new bond.

The order touching Mr. Broughton and the Library is continued to next Parliament.

The account of Mr. Entwisle, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

Mr. R. Darbisheire's executors are allowed till next Parliament to execute the assignment in his chamber.

The order for ringing the bell in the clock-house is discharged.

The disposal of the two vacant Bench Chambers is put off till next Parliament.

Mr. W. Swaine's petition is referred to next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to continue the old laundress to clean the Parliament Chamber and Library.

Messrs. W. Yate and J. Saunders are proposed for the call to the Bar at the next Parliament, they qualifying themselves with chambers and paying their duties meantime.

Mr. George Rivers has leave to read at New Inn by deputy to be approved by Mr. Treasurer.

The rent of 4*l.* from New Inn being still unpaid, actions of debt shall be brought against tenants who have leases made by the Bench, as Mr. Treasurer shall direct. Mr. Treasurer shall be attended with the deeds, leases, and writings which

make out the title to New Inn, to report thereon at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 12 Feb., 1696.

Mr. Thomas Ekins is chosen and confirmed Reader for next Lent. Messrs. Lane and Lake are appointed his Assistants. Mr. Carleton Whitlocke is chosen Reader for next Autumn. *Latin.*

Sir John Combes and Mr. Henry Alnutt are fined 50*l.* each for not coming up to the Bench on their call.

Sir Sebastian Smith, Messrs. Edward Northey, Edmund Waller, and John Bowles are called up to the Bench in order to their reading. Mr. Bowles having no chamber, is to deposit 50*l.* till he has performed his reading or been admitted into a chamber.

The last order in favour of Mr. C. Mayne is discharged.

The order touching Mr. Broughton and the Library is continued till next Parliament.

On surrender by Mr. R. Darbisheire's executor and payment of the duties in arrear, Mr. T. Lechmere shall be admitted into his chamber in Lamb Buildings for a life and one assignment.

Mr. W. Yate is called *ex gratia* to the degree of the Utter Bar. The order for Mr. J. Saunders is continued to the last Parliament of next term.

Mr. Entwisle shall have the Bench Chamber in Brick Court vacant by Mr. Orlibar's death; Mr. Proby, that vacant by Sir Charles Porter's death; Sir Bartholomew Shower, that late assigned to Mr. Entwisle; Mr. Haggatt, that late assigned to Sir Bartholomew Shower; and Mr. Barker, that under the Hall late assigned to Mr. Proby.

On Mr. W. Swaine's petition he may be admitted into his former chamber by the Great Gate for life and one assignment, on surrender by the administrator of Mr. H. Darnell, deceased, and payment of duties in arrear.

The order for bringing actions of debt against the tenants of New Inn is confirmed.

The chambers of Messrs. A. Shaen, R. Bacon, and J. Jenkins shall be seized and padlocked unless their arrears of pensions and other duties are paid before the first Parliament of next term.

Mr. T. Andrews' complaint of encroachments by his chamber-

fellow, Mr. C. Rushbrooke, is referred to Mr. Treasurer to agree the difference between them, or to report at the last Parliament of next term.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The order of 7 Feb., 1689, requiring Masters of the Bench and associates to be in commons one whole week or two half weeks in every term, and in default thereof to be cast into commons, is confirmed. As there is more than 800*l.* due to the Cook, brewer, and other tradesmen, Mr. Treasurer shall require the Steward to attend all Masters of the Bench and associates who are in arrears with a copy of this order, to receive the said commons, and to give account to Mr. Treasurer that he may report at next Parliament.

On the petition of John Webb, the Cook, it is referred to Mr. Treasurer to supply him with what money he can spare, not exceeding 100*l.*, upon the same terms as the former 200*l.*

Parliament holden 23 April, 1697.

The fines imposed on Sir John Combes and Mr. Alnutt are respited till the first Parliament of next term. Mr. Alnutt is not to sell his chamber meanwhile.

Mr. John Bowles is fined 50*l.* for not coming up to the Bench on his call.

Sir Sebastian Smith is allowed till next Parliament to come up to the Bench.

The order for seizing the chambers of Messrs. A. Shaen, R. Bacon, and J. Jenkins for non-payment of arrears is respited till next Parliament.

Any Master of the Bench in commons one whole week or two half weeks in one term may take as many repasts during the same term as he shall think fit.

Mr. R. Goodricke's bond is to be delivered to him, as he has paid his duties to the House and Steward.

Messrs. T. Parker, J. Frohocke, J. Meyricke, S. Rolle, T. Hodges, B. Godwin, T. Stephens, and F. Drew are proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 14 May, 1697.

Mr. J. Bowles' fine is remitted.

The order touching Mr. R. Bacon is continued to next Parliament.

If strangers do not remove after warning, Mr. Treasurer is

to put in execution the former orders against the owners of the chambers.

Mr. Entwisle shall continue in his old Bench Chamber, and Sir Bartholomew Shower have that late Mr. Orlebar's.

The bonds of Messrs. R. Graydon and S. Dopping are to be delivered to them, as they have paid their duties to the House and Steward.

A gratuity of 10*l.* shall be given to Mr. Gillingham, Reader in the Church. His petition shall be considered. Mr. Treasurer is to confer with the Treasurer of the Inner Temple and the Master of the Temple about his better subsistence.

Mr. Treasurer is to view the chambers of Mr. C. Wheeler and Mr. T. Andrews, and to report at next Parliament.

On Mr. Zechariah Smarthwaite's petition, 5*l.* is given him in charity; also 5*l.* to Edmund Ball, late Panierman, for relief in his extreme age and want.

The gentlemen of the Utter Bar are fined 3*s.* 4*d.* each for not attending at this Parliament. A roll shall be made for the same.

Messrs. E. Shelley, J. Kirke, J. Jenkins, R. Adams, R. Buxton, J. Saunders, T. Ashhurst, F. Drew, J. Meyricke, T. Hodges, S. Roll, and C. Heron are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Mr. J. Frohocke, on Mr. Baron Lechmere's recommendation, and Mr. T. Parker, on Lord Chief Baron Ward's recommendation, are called of grace.

Parliament holden 4 June, 1697.

Mr. Treasurer shall put in execution the order against the owners of chambers in which strangers reside.

Mr. Treasurer's report about Mr. C. Wheeler's chamber is confirmed.

The order touching Mr. Andrewes is continued to the next Parliament.

At the request of the gentlemen of the Utter Bar, the fine for not attending at the last Parliament is remitted.

Mr. T. Stephens is called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Mr. H. Alnutt's fine for not coming up to the Bench is confirmed.

Mr. Treasurer may give to Robert Podmore, stationer, a lease for twenty-one years of his little shop by the Church on surrender of his present lease, which has about three years to

run, for the same rent and a moderate fine. He is not to enlarge the shop.

Mr. R. Wynne has leave to read at New Inn by a deputy approved by Mr. Treasurer.

On Mr. W. Swaine's petition, Mr. Treasurer may admit Mr. Swaine's nominee to his former chamber by the Great Gate for a life and one assignment, on surrender by Mr. H. Darnell's administrator and payment of arrears, to be done before next Parliament.

Parliament holden 18 June, 1697.

The order touching Mr. Andrews is continued till next Parliament.

No shop shall be erected at the entrance to the Church on the left hand as formerly, but iron rails shall be set up there if the Inner Temple will join in the charge.

Mr. Carleton Whitlocke is confirmed Reader for Autumn next.

A fortnight is allowed to Mr. Swaine to execute the last order. This is to be peremptory.

The chambers of Messrs. T. Heynes, J. Killingworth, and J. Selfe shall be seized and padlocked if their arrears of pensions and other duties are not paid before Michaelmas.

Mr. Treasurer has power to admit Mr. S. Cowper with an assignment into his present chamber, paying 30*l.* fine.

Messrs. Staples, Smith, and Whitlocke are appointed a committee to view Mr. Treasurer's chamber up two pair of stairs in the passage into Elme Court, and to consider its value, that it may be purchased for a Bench Chamber.

Widow Robins shall have five marks for her service in the buttery.

Parliament holden 29 Oct., 1697.

The order touching Mr. Andrews is continued to next Parliament.

Sebastian Smith, knt., is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Edward Northey for next Autumn. *Latin.*

Mr. Treasurer may compound Mr. J. Killingworth's bill of duties, being 49*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*, to 10*l.* if paid within a week.

Till next Parliament is given to Messrs. T. Heynes and J. Selfe to pay their great arrears of duties. In default, their

chambers shall be seized and padlocked. This order is peremptory.

Sir Richard May is chosen to succeed Mr. Morgan as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

The disposal of the Bench Chamber vacant by Mr. Baron Wallop's death is referred to next Parliament.

Mr. S. Birch is proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

Mr. Joseph Jekyll, Chief Justice of Chester, having consented to expect no precedency as to place, Treasurership, a Bench Chamber, or otherwise, is called up to the Bench in order to his reading. Mr. William Cherrey is also called up to the Bench in order to his reading.

The keeping of grand days and Christmas, and all other matters of public concern to the House, shall be determined only in Parliament.

Parliament holden 26 Nov., 1697.

Mr. H. Holcott's complaint about a woodhouse in the Churchyard is referred to Mr. Morgan and Sir Richard May to settle the difference between him and Mr. B. Knight, or to report at next Parliament.

Messrs. T. Heynes and J. Selfe are given to next Parliament to pay their arrears. In default, their chambers are to be padlocked. This order is to be peremptory.

The order touching Mr. Andrews is continued and referred to Mr. Morgan and Sir Richard May to settle the matter, or to report at next Parliament.

Mr. S. Byrch is called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

The order of last Parliament touching Mr. Jekyll is set aside.

Mr. Joseph Jekyll is called up to the Bench in order to his reading.

Mr. Bowes shall have the Bench Chamber in Brick Court vacant by Mr. Baron Wallop's death; Mr. Barker, that in Garden Court late assigned to Mr. Bowes; Mr. Ryder, that under the Hall late assigned to Mr. Barker.

No Christmas shall be kept. This order shall be fixed on the screen.

Actions of debt against tenants of New Inn shall be proceeded with as soon as may be.

The bonds of Messrs. J. Harrison and R. Tash are to be

delivered to them, as they have paid their duties to the House and Steward.

The usual committee is appointed to audit Mr. Morgan's account.

The attorney shall proceed on the judgment obtained against Mr. R. Warren, but shall first write to him in Devonshire, that as three terms since his duties were compounded to 42*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.*, of which he has only paid 30*l.*, unless he forthwith pays the remaining 12*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.*, execution will be taken out against him.

Mr. Treasurer may admit Mr. T. Andrew for life and one assignment to the chamber two pair of stairs high over the Parliament Chamber, to which he is now admitted for life only.

Mr. H. Alnutt's fine of 50*l.* for not coming up to the Bench is reduced to 20*l.* if paid forthwith, with his arrears of duties.

Mr. Treasurer may admit the son of Mr. Barker of the Bench into the chamber on the west side of Essex Court, up two pairs of stairs, for a life and two assignments, being his father's estate therein.

Mr. John Morgan, Mr. Treasurer's son, shall be employed as attorney in the House's law-suits.

Mr. Treasurer shall purchase a Bench Chamber as soon as may be.

Mr. Morgan, now Treasurer, is appointed supervisor of the Library, and is to add what law books are wanting.

The letter from Sir William Trumball, Secretary of State, to Mr. Treasurer is to be entered into the Parliament Book of Orders,* and the letter kept with the records of the House.

Commons shall continue to "Saturday come sennett," and then break up.

Parliament holden 28 Jan., 1697.

Till next Parliament is given to Mr. Morgan to report about the difference between Messrs. H. Holcott and B. Knight about a woodhouse.

The allowance of the account of Mr. Morgan, Treasurer for last year, is adjourned till next Parliament.

The order against Messrs. T. Heynes and J. Selfe is forthwith to be put in execution.

* See p. 1468.

The order touching Mr. T. Andrews is continued to next Parliament.

Till next Parliament is given to Mr. R. Warren to pay 12*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.*, the residue of his duties.

The order about the actions of debt against tenants of New Inn is confirmed.

Till next Parliament is given to Mr. H. Alnutt to pay his fine and arrears.

The order for employing Mr. John Morgan as attorney is discharged.

The order for entering Sir William Trumball's letter in the Parliament Book of Orders is confirmed.

Notice shall be given to Mr. Gulston and the other inhabitants in Palsgrave Head Court, that unless they put up a light in the passage leading out of Essex Court every night at six o'clock, the door of the passage shall be locked up.

The folding doors of the Parliament Chamber shall be made into one door and hanged on the east side; to be finished before next Parliament.

Parliament holden 11 Feb., 1697.

Sebastian Smith, knt., Reader elect for next Lent, is confirmed. *Latin.*

No Treasurer shall spend on work in the Society more than 50*l.* without the consent of Parliament, unless in necessary repairs. If he do, he shall bear the overplus.

The account of Mr. Morgan, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

Mr. R. Carr's bond is to be delivered to him, as he has paid his duties to the House and Steward.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

On report of the committee, Mr. B. Knight shall deliver to Mr. H. Holcott possession of the woodhouse in the Churchyard at the foot of their staircase, and the key of the door, on Mr. Holcott's paying 10*s.* for the door and doorcase.

Mr. T. Heynes has a week to pay his arrears.

The order touching Mr. Andrews is referred to Mr. Treasurer to settle the matter, or to report at next Parliament.

Mr. H. Alnutt having paid his fine of 20*l.* for not coming up to the Bench, till next Parliament is given him to pay his arrears of duties.

The order about Sir William Trumball's letter is continued.

Widow Clarke shall have 40*s.* in charity.

Gentlemen mentioned in a schedule presented by the Steward, giving the arrears of commons as 877*l.*, as owing 40*s.*, must pay forthwith. If not, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Mr. Carleton Whitlocke's reading money, 200*l.*, shall be appropriated towards buying another Bench Chamber.

Mr. Treasurer may admit Thomas, son of Mr. Thomas Edwards, into Mr. Andrew Gillingham's chamber for a life and one assignment on his surrender, paying a fine.

Parliament holden 13 May, 1698.

Mr. H. Perry's bond shall be delivered to him, as he has paid his duties.

Till next Parliament is allowed to Mr. Alnutt for payment of his duties.

The order about Sir William Trumball's letter is continued.

The order for enforcing payment of commons eaten in the Hall is to be fixed on the screen.

No exercise upon assignments to be performed in the Hall in term time shall be entered in the moot book, unless the pleadings are drawn and repeated according to ancient usage. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

The disposal of the Bench Chamber vacant by Mr. Weldon's death, is referred to next Parliament.

Sir Benjamin Godwin is required to deliver possession of the chamber fallen to the House by his son's death, to Mr. Treasurer to be sold.

The chambers of Messrs. G. Brewer and J. Northleigh shall be seized and padlocked unless their arrears for pensions and other duties are paid before next Parliament.

The wicket of the great gates in New Court shall be opened in summer at 4 A.M., and the Great Gates at 6.

Messrs. S. Gardiner, H. Nelson, J. Brockett, jun., T. Puckle, T. Edwards, jun., T. Hurdis, W. Pyne, W. Weldon, P. King, R. Nutley, J. Clarke, H. Partridge, and W. Salkeld are proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

Mr. Conyers' call to the Bench is referred to next Parliament.

Parliament holden 3 June, 1698.

The bonds of Messrs. H. Squire and J. Northleigh are to be delivered to them, as they have paid their duties.

A copy of the order of last Parliament having been left for Mr. G. Brewer with Mr. A. Kettelby, his tenant; unless Mr. Brewer's duties are paid before the first Parliament of next term, his chamber shall be seized and sold.

Messrs. T. Amory, J. Floyre, S. Gardiner, W. Pyne, H. Nelson, W. Thomson, E. Rutter, H. Partridge, J. Brockett, jun., W. Salkeld, T. Hurdis, and E. Edwards, jun., are called to the degree of the Utter Bar; also W. Weldon and R. Nutley *ex gratia;* P. King, recommended by Lord Chief Justice Treby; and J. Clarke, by Mr. Baron Lechmere.

The debate about Mr. Conyers' call to the Bench was resumed. He refused to comply with former orders, and insisted on precedency and other privileges due only to the King's Attorney and Solicitor General, and not to any counsel extraordinary at large, the admitting whereof would be an injustice to the ancient Masters called before him, and a precedent for other young Masters to demand the like on like occasion. He was therefore pretermitted.

Mr. Treasurer shall have the Bench Chamber in Brick Court, vacant by Mr. Weldon's death; Mr. Ryder, that in Pump Court late assigned to Sir Richard May; and Mr. Fox, that under the Hall late assigned to Mr. Ryder.

Mr. W. Weldon shall be admitted into his father's late chamber in Essex Court for a life and two assignments.

Robert Harvey, Butler, who was robbed on Sunday when at church, is given 25*l.*

Mr. Gillingham, Reader in the Church, shall have 10*l.* gratuity.

Widow Myland's petition for 19*l.* 13*s.* for locks, a grate, and other smith's work at Mr. Weldon's late chamber, in Sir Edward Turnor's possession, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

On Sir Benjamin Godwin's petition, and having heard what he had to offer about the chamber fallen to the House by his son's death, and his charge in making good the books in the Library; Mr. Treasurer shall have power to admit his nominee to the said chamber for one life at a fine of 20*l.*

Mr. Treasurer shall deliver Mr. Rutter's catalogue of books

wanting in the Library. The supervisor shall attend those who have promised to be benefactors to the Library, and desire them to send in their benefactions of books with all speed.

Mr. Treasurer shall give leave to the owners of "the Light Royall" in the Church to take it away without damage to the Church.

Parliament holden 24 June, 1698.

If Sir Benjamin Godwin does not admit some member of the House to his son's late chamber, the former order will be repealed.

Unless Masters of the Bench and associates who have refused to pay the Steward arrears for commons eaten and for casting into commons, in pursuance of an order of 12 Feb., 1696, before next Parliament, the Sub-Treasurer is to acquaint them with this order.

He is also to attend Mr. Ekins, Mr. Whitelocke, and Sir Sebastian Smith for their reading money.

Mr. Ryder, a Master of the Bench, has power to transfer his chamber by the north Churchyard with an assignment.

Parliament holden 8 July, 1698.

Mr. Edward Northey, Reader elect for next Autumn, is confirmed. *Latin.*

A fortnight more is given to Messrs. Lane, Johnson, and Chute for payment of their commons eaten and casting into commons. Mr. Steward is to wait upon them for it.

Mr. Ekins and Mr. Whitlocke shall have a fortnight more to pay their reading money, and Sir Sebastian Smith till 5 November.

Mr. J. Meyricke must procure himself to be admitted into a chamber in Essex Court, for which he long since contracted with Mr. R. Fidoe's executor, and must pay his duties and commons, before the end of the term, or the chamber will be seized.

Sir Thomas Montgomery's petition, alleging that he had twelve years since paid the Steward 2*l.* 17*s.* for commons eaten, and yet was continued on the rolls for pensions, and is now sued both for commons and duties, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. N. Castleton shall have an assignment in his chamber, up three pair of stairs in New Court, on paying a fine.

Widow Robins shall have five marks for her service in the buttery.

Mr. J. Frohocke's complaint that Mr. W. Kiffin or his tenant refused to allow him to use the trap-door leading on to the roof, made for both chambers, when he had occasion to repair the roof of his chamber by the Great Gate, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Adjourned to Friday night next.

Parliament holden by adjournment 15 July, 1698.

By request of the vacation Barristers, the Barristers and gentlemen in commons this next vacation shall have liberty to vary from the ancient commons in these particulars. On nights when they are to have loins of mutton only, they may have instead half a loin and a tart to each mess; on Fridays, beans and bacon for dinner instead of fish; but on Saturdays to keep the ancient commons of fish, etc., so as they do not put in apparells above 3*l.* in a week. The Cook is ordered to observe this.

On a view made by Sir Richard May, Treasurer, and Mr. Bowyer, Treasurer of the Inner Temple, of the decay of Temple Bridge stairs caused by lighters and barges lying and landing coals and other goods there, which if longer permitted will ruin the stonework and timber, and make it impossible for Nicholas Young, executor of John Young, mason, to repair it for the annual sum of 40*s.*, according to his contract of 24 June, 16 Car. I., which has thirteen years yet to run; it was agreed by both Treasurers that no lighters or barges shall be permitted to lie or land coals, etc., there; which agreement is confirmed. Young is ordered immediately to repair the bridge. It shall not be lawful for any Treasurer or Master of the Bench to allow any lighter, barge, or boat of burden to lie or unload coals, etc., there.

Parliament holden 28 Oct., 1698.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Chute are given a fortnight longer to pay their castings into commons, and the Steward is to demand the money of them.

Mr. Ekins and Mr. Whitlocke are given a fortnight further to pay their reading money.

The orders concerning Mr. J. Meyricke and Mr. J. Frohocke are continued to next Parliament.

John Burrough's petition touching a small piece of ground 5 feet by 4 feet, adjoining the *Custos Brevium* office in Essex Court, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

The order for reinforcing the payment of commons is renewed, and to be fixed on the screen.

Mr. E. Corbett's bond shall be delivered to Mr. Aylemer, his surety, who has paid the full penalty of the bond for his commons eaten, pensions, and other duties. Mr. Corbett shall give a new bond before coming into commons again.

Mr. Proby is chosen to succeed Sir Richard May as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament in this term.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to write to Mr. Waller that he is the next Reader, and is in course to read in Lent next.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to speak with Mr. D. Thornebury, who is next in course to be called up to the Bench.

Mr. William Kendall, Mr. William Peisley, and Sir William Coryton are called up to the Bench in order to their reading. Mr. Kendall and Mr. Peisley are first to deposit 50*l.* until they have performed their readings or been admitted into chambers.

Mr. William Cherry is chosen Reader for next Lent, and Joseph Jekyll, knt., for next Autumn. *Latin.*

There shall be no invitation or public feasting on All Saints' day.

Mr. E. Dummer's petition for an assignment in his chamber by the north Churchyard, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

John Thomas' son has leave to officiate in his father's place during his sickness. The Washpot's place shall not be disposed of without consent of Parliament.

Messrs. W. Freeman, N. Lechmere, P. Atherton, and J. Holland are proposed for the call to the Bar at the next Parliament.

The doorway leading into Paulsgrave's Head Court shall be stopped up if the inhabitants refuse to hang up a light on their side at the steps coming down into Essex Court.

Mr. S. Broughton's salary for his attendance in the Library is increased 10*l.* a year, and two chaldrons of coals a year are allowed to be spent in the Library.

Parliament holden 25 Nov., 1698.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to speak with Messrs. Johnson and Chute for the payment of their casting into commons, and to report at next Parliament.

The order on John Burrough's petition is continued to next Parliament.

At Mr. E. Waller's request to have his reading deferred, he shall have further time to read for a twelvemonth, waiving his precedence to the two Readers now appointed.

Sir William Coryton is excused coming up to the Bench, without fine. They leave it to his generosity, he having declared to several Masters of the Bench his kind intentions to the Society.

Anthony Demaine is appointed the Porter's assistant.

Joseph Thomas is continued in his late father's place as Washpot during pleasure. His mother, because of her bad character, must not be suffered to come into the Hall, buttery, or cellar, nor to meddle in the said office.

If the inhabitants in Paulsgrave's Head Court fail to hang up lights at the passage into Essex Court in the winter, Mr. Treasurer has power to shut up the door.

Mr. Treasurer, Mr. Smith, Mr. Morgan, Sir Bartholomew Shower, and Mr. Rider, or any two, are desired to thank William Pettit, esq., for his books given to the Library. Mr. Treasurer is to gratify his clerk for making catalogues of them.

The usual committee is appointed to audit the account of Sir Richard May, Treasurer.

Mr. W. Weldon has leave to transfer his chamber in Essex Court to a purchaser with a life and two assignments, provided that he gives preference to Masters of the Bench.

The petition of Mr. T. Newsham of the Bar is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. C. Wheeler's petition is also referred to Mr. Treasurer, who is to put him in possession of a little room pursuant to former orders.

No Christmas shall be kept. This order shall be fixed on the screen.

Commons shall continue to Saturday come fortnight.

The bonds of Messrs. F. Coles and E. Veele are to be delivered to them on their paying their duties.

The chamber of Mr. C. Barlee of the Bar shall be seized unless his duties are paid before next Parliament.

Messrs. N. Lechmere, J. Holland, W. Freeman, P. Atherton, and J. Rogerson are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Parliament holden 27 Jan., 1698.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to speak with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Chute for the payment of their castings into commons, and to report at next Parliament.

Sir Richard May's account is allowed.

The order on Mr. T. Newsham's petition is continued to next Parliament.

The execution of the order touching Mr. C. Barlee is deferred to next Parliament, and then to be peremptory.

Mr. Thompson, the painter, shall be restored to be workman to the House as formerly.

Mr. E. Woodward may read at New Inn by deputy.

On the petition of Mr. T. Dickins of the Utter Bar, his nominee shall be admitted into his son's late chamber one pair of stairs on the east side of Essex Court, for life and one assignment.

Mrs. Leithwicke's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer. If he can, he shall preserve the rooms where she dwells for the next gardener.

Richard Claydon is appointed Gardener in place of John Leithwicke, deceased, with the same wages.

Mr. Treasurer is to report at next Parliament on the ability of Mr. Richard Merriman, recommended as cook in place of Mr. Webb, deceased, and the sufficiency of his estate for executing that place.

On Mrs. Webb's producing the probate of her husband's will, showing that she is executrix, Mr. Treasurer may lend her 50*l.* on the same terms as the 230*l.* advanced to her husband.

Parliament holden 10 Feb., 1698.

The order touching Mr. Johnson and Mr. Chute is continued to next Parliament.

The order on Mr. T. Newsham's petition is continued till next Parliament.

Mr. C. Barlee's chamber shall be seized and padlocked. Mr. Treasurer has power to sell it.

Mr. Thomas Ekins and Sir Sebastian Smith having paid 200*l.*, are confirmed Readers and their readings allowed.

Mr. William Cherrey, Reader elect for next Lent, is confirmed. *Latin.*

New tiling the Hall roof, repairing the round tower at the Church, and polling the great trees below the steps at the west end of the Hall, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. J. Leigh's bond is to be delivered to him, he having paid all duties.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. Treasurer's giving Sir William Coryton 270*l.* for his chamber for a Bench Chamber is approved of. It is considerably less than what he could have had for it.

The petition of William Pettyt, the Panierman, is referred to Mr. Treasurer. He is also to report on the chimneys in the late gardener's and other rooms at the west end of the Hall.

Mrs. Webbe shall be paid 50*l.* on account.

Parliament holden 28 April, 1699.

The order touching Mr. Johnson and Mr. Chute is continued till next Parliament.

The petitions of William Pettyt, Panierman, and Anne Leithwicke, the gardener's widow, are referred to the next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer and three other Masters are desired to report at next Parliament on Mr. E. Dummer's petition for consolidating his chamber in Inner Temple Lane with Mr. W. Potell's, adjoining, and for an assignment therein.

Mr. Smarthwaite is given 5*l.* more in addition to the 3*l.* lately given him to go to Bath for his cure.

On Mr. C. Maine's petition, he shall be restored on paying his commons and duties, and giving a new bond before next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer is to reprove John Heathcott, and on his humble acknowledgment to interpose with the Cook for him, and restore him.

The chambers of Messrs. E. Lambert and J. Loving shall be seized unless their arrears of pensions and other duties are paid before next Parliament.

The last order for enforcing the payment of commons eaten in the Hall is to be fixed on the screen.

Messrs. E. Wortley, F. Dyren, E. Miller, A. Kettleby, T. Bedford, W. Shippen, S. Meade, J. Harries, J. Anstis, and S. Yates are proposed for the call to the Bar at the next Parliament.

Parliament holden 19 May, 1699.

Messrs. Johnson and Chute shall pay what is due for castings into commons. The Steward shall wait upon them for it.

The order touching William Pettyt and Mrs. Leithwicke is continued to next Parliament.

Mr. C. Mayne has till next Parliament to perform the last order.

The order concerning Messrs. Lambert and Loving is continued to next Parliament, and then to be peremptory.

Messrs. J. Turner, O. Fish, E. Wortley, W. Shippen, A. Ketelby, E. Miller, J. Brady, S. Yates, J. Anstis, S. Meade, F. Dyren, T. Bedford, and R. Jones are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

No member of the House shall be called to the degree of the Utter Bar who is not of seven years' standing and has done exercises.

Mr. Gillingham, the Reader in the Church, shall have 10*l.* given him.

The petition of Mrs. Webbe, the late Cook's wife, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, Mr. Morgan, and another Master, to report on the account between her and the House.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to require the Steward and Butlers who collect the commons and duties on the rolls, to wait upon all Masters of the Bench who are in arrears.

Mr. J. Rogerson's petition for an assignment is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

Widow Thomas shall have 40*s.*

Mr. Northey having paid 200*l.*, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

The disposal of Sir William Coryton's chamber, purchased for a Bench Chamber, is referred to the last Parliament of next term.

The bonds of Messrs. J. Spearman, F. Pengelly, and Sir W. Coryton are to be delivered to them, as they have paid all duties.

The 200*l.* paid by Mr. Cherry for his reading shall be appropriated towards buying another Bench Chamber.

All the Masters of the Bench who were served with subpœnas having put in their answer to the bill in Chancery exhibited by the Treasurer and ancients of New Inn, the answer shall be filed, and the Court moved to repeal the last order, that so the House may receive the rent which they have recovered by several judgments against Messrs. Stone and Munt.

Parliament holden 9 June, 1699.

The order touching Messrs. Johnson and Chute is continued to next Parliament.

The petitions of Mrs. Leithwicke and the Panierman are to be considered at next Parliament.

Mr. C. Maine has till next Parliament to perform the last order.

The ancient orders about calling to the Bar are to be presented at next Parliament.

The order for examining Mrs. Webb's accounts is continued to next Parliament.

Notice shall be given to Mrs. Webb to deliver possession of the ground chamber adjoining the kitchen to the present Cook in a week.

The order touching Mr. J. Rogerson is continued to next Parliament.

The chamber which Mr. E. Dummer has lately purchased from Mr. W. Potell, one pair of stairs in the passage leading to the north Churchyard, and adjoining the chamber to which Mr. Dummer is admitted for life and an assignment, shall be consolidated to his said chamber for life and an assignment, paying double duties, but not double commons. On his death or alienation by him they shall become two sole chambers.

Sir Henry Parker's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

Mr. T. Thoroton has leave to read at New Inn by Mr. Thomas Hanbury of the Utter Bar as deputy.

Mr. Thomas Hale's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The bonds of Messrs. G. Gore, W. Whitshed, and G. Monck are to be delivered to them, as they have paid all duties.

Parliament holden 23 June, 1699.

The order touching Messrs. Johnson and Chute is continued to next Parliament.

Widow Thomas's petition is rejected, but 40*s.* charity shall be given her, with what is due to her deceased son.

Richard Claydon, the Gardener, is appointed Washpot in place of Joseph Thomas, deceased.

Mr. C. Mayne has time till next Parliament to perform the last order.

The order for stating Mrs. Webb's accounts is continued to next Parliament

On the petition of gentlemen having chambers in the passage from Inner Temple Lane to the north Churchyard, no passage shall be made from the Temple Change Coffee House in Fleet Street through the north Churchyard into their lane.

Mr. F. Nott shall have his bond delivered to him on payment of his commons eaten. Mr. W. Norris having paid all duties, shall have his bond.

Mr. Treasurer shall have the chamber over the Great Gate fallen to the House by Mr. Kendall's death, if he will accept it as his perquisite. He may dispose of it for a life and one assignment.

On Mr. M. Noble's surrender of his chambers in Garden Buildings, which he has for life and two assignments, to a member of the House, losing one assignment, and procuring the surrender from Mr. N. Row of his chambers over against the Hall steps; he shall be admitted thereto for a life and one assignment.

Widow Robins shall have five marks for her last year's service in the buttery.

The late Mr. J. Wheeler's goods and writings shall be delivered to his widow or any authorised person.

Mr. G. Brewer's chambers are to be sold unless his great arrears are paid before Wednesday next.

Mr. Whitlocke having paid 200*l.*, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

Mr. J. Moxon is required to attend the Parliament on Wednesday next. A copy of this order is to be left at his chamber.

Mr. Fox shall have the Bench Chamber, late purchased of

Sir William Coryton; and Mr. Whitfeild that under the Hall, late assigned to Mr. Fox.

As exercises have not lately been performed by students to qualify them to be called to the Bar, the old orders shall be revived. No moots shall be allowed for exercises unless performed on the ancient usual days and times, Tuesdays and Thursdays after supper; and pleadings drawn up and brought in upon the cases to be mooted upon. No student shall be called to the degree of the Utter Bar till he has performed eight exercises at least, and is of seven years' standing. As this present term no gentlemen would attend the Reader at New Inn, which is the only Inn of Chancery belonging to this House, to argue his case there according to ancient usage, to the great scandal and disreputation of this House, it is ordered that two of the eight exercises shall be performed at New Inn. This order shall be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden by adjournment 28 June, 1699.

Mr. Cherry having paid 200*l.*, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to end the difference with the executrix of Mr. S. Malines about his chamber. If she will not perform her agreement with four Masters of the Bench for the purchase of the chamber, no abatement is to be made of the duties in arrear, but the same shall be paid to the full. If she will perform it, Mr. Lane is to have possession of the chamber until next Parliament.

Expulsion of Joseph Moxon, esq. The Steward and his man attended him to collect 3*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* due for arrears for commons eaten for above a year, and on his refusal acquainted his sureties therewith. Mr. Moxon, afterwards meeting the said officers, asked if there was any order for putting his bond in suit, whereupon they produced the order under Mr. Treasurer's hand. Mr. Moxon then without provocation said: "The Treasurer is a rascal, and if he were here I would spit in his face," with many other reproachful words against the Masters of the Bench. He said to the officers, with threats, that he would keep them cool and slit their noses. The Benchers have heard what Mr. Moxon has thought fit to say for himself, but received no satisfaction.

Copy of a letter from Sir William Trumball to the

Treasurer, dated Whitehall, 12 Nov., 1697,* stating that the Lord Justices have ordered a general search to be made for conspirators against His Majesty's person and Government and other dangerous and disaffected persons, and desiring that the messengers appointed to search in the Middle Temple may have the requisite assistance.

Parliament holden 27 Oct., 1699.

Mr. William Peisley is chosen Reader for next Lent. *Latin.*

Messrs. P. Broughton, H. Hetherington, J. Offley, and W. Ettricke are called up to the Bench in order to their reading.

Sir Bartholomew Shower is chosen to succeed Mr. Proby as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

The Benchers insist on Messrs. Johnson and Chute paying what they owe for castings into commons, etc., and require the Steward to attend them again for it.

The last order touching Mr. Maine is referred to next Parliament.

The order about Mrs. Webb's account is continued to next Parliament.

Mr. G. Brewer's chambers are to be sold unless his great arrears are paid before next Parliament.

Mr. Lane shall have the Bench Chamber lately purchased of Mr. Malines' executrix.

Widow Leithwicke's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. E. Dummer's petition about new building his chambers is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

Mr. J. Moxon's petition is rejected.

The bonds of Messrs. R. Ettlin and R. Crompton shall be delivered to them as they have paid their duties.

The chambers of Messrs. J. Pocklington, J. Scudamore, and C. Vincent are to be seized and padlocked unless their arrears are paid in a fortnight.

Parliament holden 24 Nov., 1699.

The order touching Messrs. Johnson and Chute is continued to next Parliament.

Mr. C. Maine is to have till next Parliament to perform the last order.

* The MS. has 1699, which is no doubt an error. The letter is referred to on p. 1455. (Book E., p. 447.)

As it appears that there is owing to Mrs. Webb, executrix of John Webb, late Cook, on the Steward's book, 359*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and that 280*l.* had been lent her, the balance, 79*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, shall be paid her on giving a discharge in full. She shall also be discharged of the said 280*l.*

As out of the said 280*l.* there will be discharged on the Steward's book in apparells 234*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*, the remainder, 45*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.*, and the said 79*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, shall be repaid by the Steward into the Treasury as he receives money from gentlemen in arrears for commons.

On Mr. Treasurer's report that he considered it necessary to have Mr. E. Dummer's chambers new built, it is referred to him to send for the parties on that staircase, to examine their interests, to consider what encouragement the House should give them towards rebuilding, and to report at next Parliament. He is also desired to speak with the Treasurer of the Inner Temple, as their building opposite is ruinous, and is supported by this building.

Mr. B. Soames having paid all duties, his bond is to be delivered to him.

Till next Parliament is allowed to Messrs. J. Pocklington, J. Scudamore, and C. Vincent for payment of their great arrears.

The last order for enforcing the payment of commons eaten in the Hall is renewed, and is to be fixed on the screen.

Also the last order that no Christmas shall be kept.

Mrs. Hellen Ball's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament; and if necessary, to confer with the Treasurer of the Inner Temple.

Unless Mr. A. Irby is admitted to the chamber on the south side of Garden Court, for which he contracted with Mr. P. Peirshons above twelve months since, before next Parliament, the chamber will be seized. The complaint from some gentlemen on that staircase that he had broken the wall and fixed a small leaden pipe to convey water from his chamber to the great pipe on the wall, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. C. Nance is called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

The usual committee is appointed to audit Mr. Proby's account.

On Mr. G. Brewer's importunity, the order for selling his chamber, long since seized for arrears, is suspended till the first day of next term.

Parliament holden 26 Jan., 1699.

Mr. Peter Broughton is elected Reader for next Autumn. *Latin.*

The order touching Messrs. Johnson and Chute is continued to next Parliament.

Mr. C. Maine is to have till the last Parliament of next term to perform the last order.

Mr. Treasurer, with any five senior Masters of the Bench, or any three, are appointed a committee to treat with Mr. E. Dummer and other proprietors of chambers in that staircase about rebuilding, and to report at next Parliament.

Till next Parliament is given to Messrs. J. Pocklington, J. Scudamore, and C. Vincent for payment of their arrears.

Ten days is given to Mr. G. Brewer for payment of his very great arrears.

The account of Mr. Proby, Treasurer for last year, is allowed.

Unless Mr. T. Pecke procures himself or some other member of the House to be admitted before the first Parliament of next term to Mr. J. Jeffs' chamber in Pump Court, for which he contracted about five months ago and paid the money, the chamber will be seized.

Joseph Moxon, esq., is restored on his humble petition and at Mr. Proby's intercession. He must pay all duties and give a new bond.

Consideration of the petition by New Inn is adjourned to next Parliament.

Mr. C. Cesar's petition for consolidating his chamber is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

Mr. M. Noble having paid the duties owing by Mr. N. Row on the surrender of his chamber, may put his bond in suit.

The Honourable Robert Bertie is called to the degree of the Utter Bar *ex gratia.*

Gentlemen mentioned in the Steward's schedule as in arrears for commons, which arrears exceed 913*l.*, must pay before next Parliament. If not, their names and the sums owing by them shall be set on the screen, and their chambers seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Sir Joseph Jekyll having paid 200*l.*, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

Parliament holden 9 Feb., 1699.

Mr. William Peisley, Reader elect for next Lent, is confirmed. *Latin.*

The order touching Messrs. Johnson and Chute is continued to next Parliament.

The committee appointed to treat with Mr. Dummer and others about new building the chambers in Inner Temple Lane, is continued to next Parliament.

Mr. G. Brewer's chamber having been seized for arrears for more than a year and a half, shall be sold, and after paying the debt to the House, any overplus shall be paid to him.

Unless Mr. J. Moxon pays his duties and gives a new bond before Monday night, the order for restoring him will be discharged.

The answer drawn by Mr. Bowes to the supplemental bill of New Inn is to be perfected with all convenient speed. He is desired to draw an answer for the Under-Treasurer and his servant, who are made parties to the bill. Mr. R. Freeman is desired to assist the House in this suit.

Consideration of the petition of New Inn is adjourned to next Parliament.

The order on Mr. C. Cesar's petition is continued to next Parliament.

The difference between Messrs. M. Noble and N. Row are referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

The chambers of Messrs. G. Coxeter and C. Constantine shall be seized and padlocked, unless their arrears of pensions and other duties are paid before next Parliament. A copy of this order shall be left at their chambers.

Mr. Treasurer is to obtain from the Steward the names of gentlemen long in arrear for commons eaten in the Hall, and the sums due, to be fixed on the screen on Monday or Tuesday; and to seize the chambers or sue the bonds of those who neglect to pay.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

The bonds of Messrs. W. Swiney, P. Skippon, E. Worth, E. Bagott, and H. Aston are to be delivered to them on payment of their duties.

Parliament holden 19 April, 1700.

The order touching Messrs. Johnson and Chute is continued to next Parliament. Mr. Treasurer is desired to speak with them meantime.

Mr. John Jenkins' chamber shall be seized unless his arrears of duties are paid within a fortnight.

The sale of Mr. Brewer's chamber is deferred till next Parliament.

Mr. Moxon is required to give the usual bond within a week.

Consideration of the petition exhibited by New Inn is adjourned to next Parliament.

The orders concerning Messrs. C. Cesar, M. Noble, and N. Row are continued to next Parliament.

Till next Parliament is given to Mr. G. Coxeter for payment of his duties.

The order for the payment of commons is to be fixed on the screen this term, and in the grand week of this term.

Till next Parliament is allowed to Mr. T. Pecke to procure an admittance into Mr. Jeffs' late chamber.

Mr. Lake shall have the Bench Chamber in Elme Court vacant by Mr. Lane's death. Mr. Lane's administrator shall be discharged of pensions and other duties, all but commons.

Mr. T. Barker and Mr. J. Ekins were admitted into a chamber in Essex Court two pair of stairs high in the staircase next the fountain as a double chamber by mistake, as it had been consolidated by order of 25 June, 1680. On Mr. Ekins' surrender Mr. Barker shall be admitted to the whole as a sole chamber.

On the petition of the watermen for the repair of the causey below the Temple stairs, Mr. Treasurer is to speak with the Treasurer of the Inner Temple.

Mr. W. Fish shall be admitted into a ground chamber in Middle Temple Lane, lately new built, for a life and two assignments, according to the building contract, on first clearing the duties chargeable on the chamber and indemnifying the House from Mr. F. Leigh, who claimed the chamber, until, for his insolence to the Masters of the Bench about the partitions made in it, he was expelled.

In compassion of Mr. Hervey's calamitous condition from

a fall, 20*l.* shall be given in such sums as Mr. Treasurer shall direct; and 5*l.* to Mr. Smarthwaite.

The petition and affidavits of Mr. Tyrer, the Steward, and Charles Trott, his servant, touching a robbery of 65*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* from the Steward's chamber, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

Messrs. G. Nanfan, J. Sommers, and J. Dickins are proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 11 May, 1700.

The order touching Messrs. Johnson and Chute is continued to next Parliament. Mr. Treasurer is desired to speak with them meantime.

The order for selling Mr. G. Brewer's chamber is made absolute.

Mr. T. Pecke shall have till the first Parliament of next term to procure an admittance into Mr. Jeffs' late chamber. This order is to be peremptory.

Having read the petition of the Treasurer and ancients of New Inn, and observing that they do not excuse their pretensions in the bills exhibited against the Benchers in Chancery; the Benchers agree to reject the petition, and to meet to-morrow at 5 P.M. to peruse the answers to the supplemental bill of New Inn, that the same may be perfected and given into Court.

The orders concerning Messrs. C. Cesar, M. Noble, and N. Row are continued till next Parliament.

Messrs. R. Agar, J. Verrier, T. Puckle, J. Dickins, G. Nanfan, and J. Sommers are called to the degree of the Utter Bar. Messrs. C. Stuart, W. Whitelocke, H. May, and J. Whitfeild are also called of grace.

Mr. Smith shall have the Bench Chamber vacant by Sir Francis Winnington's death; Mr. Lake that now in Mr. Smith's possession; and Mr. Ekins that late assigned to Mr. Lake.

Mr. T. Amory's bond is to be delivered to him, as he has paid all duties.

A gratuity of 10*l.* is to be given to Mr. Gillingham, Reader in the Church.

On Widow Drew's petition, 40*s.* shall be given her.

Mr. J. Rogerson is granted an assignment in his chamber three pair of stairs high in New Court. He must "new rippe" and repair the roof with good oak laths before Michaelmas Term.

The order touching the Steward is continued to next Parliament.

Parliament holden 31 May, 1700.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to compound with Messrs. Johnson and Chute their castings into commons, and to pay the Steward the remainder out of the Treasury.

Their Masterships will meet in the Parliament Chamber to-morrow at 5 P.M. to perfect their answers to the supplemental bill of New Inn, that it may be given into Court.

Mr. C. Cesar's chamber shall be consolidated, and he shall be admitted into both parts as a sole chamber, paying the duties in arrear for both parts, and double duties all but commons.

The order touching Messrs. Noble and Row is continued that Mr. Row may be heard. Mr. Noble is to give him notice to attend Mr. Treasurer.

The order as to election of Bench Chambers is referred to next Parliament.

The order on the Steward's petition is continued to next Parliament.

Mr. R. Woolcombe may read at New Inn by deputy.

Mr. G. Jones is allowed a year to sell his chamber in Inner Temple Lane, and he may be admitted into Mr. Paul's late chamber in Essex Court without forfeiting his first chamber.

Mr. E. Jauncy is allowed till the first Parliament of Michaelmas Term to sell his chamber in Elme Court.

Messrs. Thursby, Bowes, Proby, Ryder, Barker, Northey, and Offley, or any three, are appointed a committee to consider how to put in execution the several Acts for the duty on marriages and burials, bachelors and widowers, and for the rates and duties upon houses; to inquire what is done in other Inns of Court, and to report at next Parliament.

If Mr. W. Corbett's executor or administrator does not admit some member of the House to his chambers before the first Parliament of Michaelmas Term, they shall be seized.

Mr. J. Ekins is called to the degree of the Utter Bar *ex gratia*.

In consequence of the small number of commoners in Hall in term time, by which the Society is discredited and the price of commons increased, no one shall henceforth be called to the

degree of the Utter Bar who has not been actually in commons two years, two weeks in a term, next preceding their call, and no composition shall be allowed. This order shall be fixed on the screen.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to treat with Mr. W. Palmes for the purchase of his chamber in Pumpe Court, if he thinks it fit for a Bench Chamber.

Mr. J. Morgan shall be admitted to the chamber of his father, a Master of the Bench, in Elme Court, on his surrender, with the same estate.

As many gentlemen have lately removed to other Inns of Court because they could not have good chambers here, it is ordered that Masters of the Bench shall dispose of the chambers which they hold in their own right together with their Bench Chambers, within twelve months, having liberty to transfer them with the same estate which they now have. Every Master hereafter called up to the Bench, shall transfer his old chamber within a twelvemonth of having a Bench Chamber.

Parliament holden 14 June, 1700.

The order on the Steward's petition is continued till next Parliament.

Mr. Cesar's paying double duties upon the consolidation of his chamber is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

As Mr. Smith chooses to continue in his old Bench Chamber, Mr. Medlicott shall have the Bench Chamber vacant by Sir Francis Winington's death; Mr. Treasurer, that late assigned to Mr. Medlicott; Mr. Whitfeild, that late assigned to Mr. Treasurer; Mr. Lake, that late purchased of Mr. Malines' executrix; Mr. Ekins, that late assigned to Mr. Whitfeild. They shall have possession from Midsummer day next exclusively.

On report of the committee appointed by last Parliament, an assessment shall be made for bachelors, widowers, burials, etc., in the Society. For window tax, the House shall be rated for twenty edifices, and the duty arising thereupon be paid out of the Treasury.

The present and succeeding Treasurers shall not have power to abate more than half of absent commons; and they are not easily to compound for half except where there appears just cause.

The order touching the purchase of Mr. W. Palmes' chamber is continued. If Mr. Treasurer purchases it, he shall have the choice of it for his own Bench Chamber. If he spends any of his own money in the purchase beyond what the Treasury can supply, he shall be repaid out of the first money that comes in.

Mr. F. Drew's petition for an assignment in his chamber two pair of stairs high in Pump Court at a reasonable fine, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Widow Robins shall have five marks for her last year's service in the buttery.

John Heathcott shall be turned out of the kitchen for his many miscarriages and misbehaviours.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to take other Masters to help him in settling about rebuilding a ruinous staircase in Inner Temple Lane, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. R. Stratford having paid all duties, his bond is to be delivered to him.

The chambers of Messrs. T. Hopkins and J. Bland are to be seized and padlocked unless their arrears of pensions and other duties are paid before next Parliament. A copy of this order shall be left at their chambers.

Adjourned till Monday "come sennett" at 6 P.M.

Mr. Peter Broughton, Reader elect for next Autumn, is confirmed. *Latin.*

Parliament holden by adjournment 24 June, 1700.

The answer to the supplemental bill of New Inn shall be engrossed and given into Court. Messrs. Vernon, Poley, Freeman, and Dobbins shall be retained as counsel to defend the motion at the next general Seal upon the notice of New Inn.

The rebuilding of a ruinous staircase by Inner Temple Lane shall be proceeded with this vacation. To encourage the builders, two assignments shall be added to their present estate in their chambers. Proprietors shall procure themselves to be admitted within six months after the building is erected. Mr. Treasurer shall direct the time of building, height of stories, scantlings of timber, ornaments, etc., and determine any differences between the proprietors.

Parliament holden 25 Oct., 1700.

The order on the Steward's petition is continued to next Parliament.

Also the order concerning Mr. C. Cesar, provided that he forthwith pays the duties in arrear for both parts of his chamber.

The order touching bachelors, widowers, burials, etc., is adjourned to next Parliament.

The orders touching Messrs. W. Palmes and F. Drew are continued to next Parliament.

A fortnight is given to Mr. T. Hopkins for payment of his duties. In default, his chamber will be seized.

Mr. Humphrey Hetherington is elected Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Joseph Offley for next Autumn. *Latin.*

Mr. Haggatt is chosen to succeed Sir Bartholomew Shower as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

The chambers of Messrs. J. Smith and S. Cowper will be seized and padlocked unless their arrears for pensions and other duties are paid before the next Parliament. A copy of this order is to be left at their chambers.

Mr. E. Jauncy is given to the first Parliament of next term to sell his chamber.

Mr. J. Childe is proposed for the call to the Bar at the next Parliament.

As eight of their Masterships have put in their answer to the supplemental bill of New Inn, the other Masters named therein are desired to give in their answer as soon as may be.

Sir Joseph Jekyll having received the King's writ to be a Serjeant, is given a year to dispose of his chamber, and power to transfer it with his present estate, a life and one assignment.

Parliament holden 22 Nov., 1700.

The Steward shall be allowed 65*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*, of which he was robbed. His chamber was broken open, and the money taken from the place appointed by the House to keep it in.

The order touching bachelors, widowers, etc., is continued. Mr. Treasurer and any five Masters of the Bench are appointed a committee, to report thereon at next Parliament.

The order concerning Mr. W. Palmes is continued.

Mr. S. Cowper has till next Parliament to pay his arrears of duties; in default, his chamber to be seized.

Messrs. J. Child, W. Jones, and C. Battely are called to the degree of the Utter Bar; and Messrs. S. Broughton and P. Dudley of grace. Mr. Broughton is to pay his duties before publication.

The Masters named in the supplemental bill of New Inn who have not put in their answers, are desired to do so as soon as may be.

Mr. Serjeant Hall is granted a year's time to dispose of his chamber, and power to transfer it with his present estate, a life and two assignments.

The usual committee is appointed to audit the account of Sir Bartholomew Shower, the last Treasurer.

No Christmas shall be kept. This order shall be fixed on the screen.

The Master of the Temple shall be repaid half of 80*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* spent in fitting up the house allotted to him.

A roll of collection shall be made for the Serjeants lately called, taxing every member at 3*s.* 4*d.*

Mr. Sampson Shelton Broughton being appointed the King's Attorney-General at New York, Mr. Walter Williams, an ancient of the Utter Bar, is appointed Library Keeper. He shall have the chamber next the roof over the Library, with the usual allowances and profits, and giving security.

Mr. E. Howard's bond is to be delivered to him as he has paid all duties.

Unless the executor or administrator of Mr. C. FitzWilliams, who died possessed of an assignment in his chamber above a year since, do not admit some member before the first Parliament of next term, the chamber shall be seized.

Mr. Treasurer may make Katherine Scott, widow, a new lease of her shop by the Great Gate in Fleet Street for as long as he shall judge convenient, at the present rent.

Mr. W. Minors is granted an assignment for 20*l.* fine in his chamber in the passage to the north Churchyard, in consideration of his expense in pulling down and rebuilding the staircase.

Mr. Entwisle shall have the Bench Chamber vacant by Mr. Smith's death; Mr. Ekins, that late assigned to Mr. Entwisle; and Mr. Whitlocke, that late assigned to Mr. Ekins.

Parliament holden 24 Jan., 1700.

The Steward and Butlers must attend Masters of the Bench who are in arrears for commons eaten and for pensions and other duties, and report at next Parliament.

The order touching bachelors, widowers, etc., is continued.

A week further is given to Mr. S. Cowper to pay his duties. This order is peremptory.

The order for the Masters of the Bench giving their answers to the bill of New Inn is continued.

The account of Sir Bartholomew Shower, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

Mr. C. FitzWilliams' executor is given till next Parliament to admit some member to his late chamber.

The three old trees at the west end of the Hall shall be cut down and grubbed up.

Messrs. T. Burgh, J. Viney, H. Ludlow, and R. Freeman are called up to the Bench in order to their reading.

Unless gentlemen mentioned in the Steward's schedule, which shows that arrears of commons are above 700*l.*, as being 40*s.* in arrear, pay forthwith, their chambers shall be seized, or their bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 7 Feb., 1700.

Mr. Staples' pensions and other duties on the rolls are remitted, because one story of his Bench Chamber was disbenched and sold for 180*l.* with his consent.

The order touching bachelors and widowers is continued.

Another week is given to Mr. S. Cowper to pay his duties.

Mr. FitzWilliams' executor is allowed till the first Parliament of next term to admit some one into his late chamber.

The order about the answer to the supplemental bill of New Inn is also continued.

The bonds of Messrs. J. Cowse, W. Yong, and J. Savage are to be delivered up to them, they having paid all duties.

The chambers of Messrs. W. Crayford, T. Stevens, and C. Nowes shall be seized and padlocked unless their arrears of pensions and other duties are paid before next Parliament. A copy of this order shall be left at their chambers.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Upon information given to their Masterships, Mr. Treasurer is to send for Mr. F. Wilkinson, and take effectual course that Mr. Watson, residing in his chamber in Pump Court, be removed.

Mr. J. Cuthbert may read at New Inn by deputy.

Mr. H. Abell's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer. If he finds the complaints against Baxter, a barber, to be true, he shall cause him and his family to be removed.

The petition of Mr. Smith, organ maker, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

The three remaining trees at the west end of the Hall shall be also grubbed up.

Mr. Treasurer and three Masters of the Bench are appointed a committee to inspect the Library and compare the books with the catalogues before Lady-day next, so that if they find all things well, Mr. Broughton's security may be delivered to him.

Parliament holden 9 May, 1701.

A fortnight further is allowed to Mr. C. FitzWilliams' administratrix.

The Masters of the Bench who have not put in their answer to the supplemental bill of New Inn, are desired to do so.

Messrs. W. Crayford, T. Stevens, and C. Nowes are given till next Parliament for payment of their arrears.

Mr. Watson is to be removed out of the House.

The proprietors of chambers in the new building in the passage to the north Churchyard shall pay their duties and procure themselves to be admitted before next Parliament according to their contract, and in default shall lose one assignment. Notice shall be given them of this order. The renewal of the lease of the bookseller's shop to Mr. Minors is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Sir Richard May shall have the Bench Chamber vacant by Mr. Thursby's death; Mr. Treasurer, that last assigned to Sir Richard May; Mr. Carleton Whitlocke, that late assigned to Mr. Treasurer; and Sir Sebastian Smith, that late assigned to Mr. Whitlocke.

Mr. Broughton having paid 200*l.*, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to buy a good Bench Chamber when he can.

The Under-Treasurer shall attend Mr. A. Denton to let him know that he is expected to surrender his chamber in Pump Court, late Mr. Palmes', according to agreement with the last Treasurer, to be a Bench Chamber.

Parliament holden 30 May, 1701.

Mr. C. Fitzwilliams' administratrix is given till next Parliament. In default, the chamber will be seized and sold.

The order touching New Inn is continued to next Parliament.

The chambers of Messrs. T. Stevens and C. Nowes will be seized unless their arrears are paid by next Parliament.

The order for removing Mr. Watson is not to be executed till 11 June.

The order concerning Mr. Dummer and the other proprietors in his new building is continued to next Parliament.

The petition of Mr. Thomas Minors, undertaker of the said building, complaining that Mr. Dummer and Mrs. Holton have not paid their proportions, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to call the parties together and adjust the differences, or to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Whitelocke has leave to lay out 10*l.* more on his Bench Chamber in Elme Court.

Mr. A. Staples has power to transfer his chamber for a life and one assignment.

Messrs. Bowes, Ryder, Ekins, Broughton, and Offley, or any three, are appointed a committee to meet a committee of the Benchers of the Inner Temple to consider the arrears of the tax for the windows, bachelors, widowers, births and burials, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. E. Jauncy is allowed till next Parliament to make out that Mr. R. Adams, now in Ireland, is living, and to nominate a person to be admitted to the chamber on his surrender.

A gratuity of 10*l.* shall be given to Mr. Gillingham, Reader in the Church.

The bonds of Messrs. T. Blackall, G. Owen, W. Salkeld, B. Hoskins, and A. Staples shall be delivered to them, as they have paid all duties.

Messrs. J. Robinson, W. Peirson, J. Wilson, W. Blackford, T. Breton, J. Sharpe, J. Michell, and S. Gatward are called to the degree of the Utter Bar; also Messrs. J. Owen and E. Medlicott of grace.

Mr. J. Doily is proposed for the call to the Bar at the next Parliament. Meantime he must pay his duties and be admitted to a chamber.

Parliament holden 20 June, 1701.

The order touching Mr. FitzWilliams' chamber is continued to next Parliament.

The order touching New Inn is continued to next Parliament.

Messrs. T. Stevens and C. Nowes are allowed till next Parliament for payment of their arrears; in default, their chambers are to be seized.

The order concerning Mr. Dummer and the other proprietors in his new building is continued to next Parliament.

The committee to consider the arrears of the tax for windows, etc., is continued.

Mr. E. Jauncy is allowed till next Parliament to make out that Mr. R. Adams is alive, etc.

Mr. J. Doily is called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

If any Reader neglects to pay his reading money before the last Parliament of the term after his reading, when his reading is of course to be reported; any junior Reader who pays before him shall have place and precedency before him.

If Mr. Treasurer lays out 100*l.* of his own money for the purchase of a Bench Chamber, he shall have the first choice of it, and the 100*l.* shall be repaid out of the first money which comes into the Treasury on the next Treasurer's account.

Parliament holden 4 July, 1701.

Mr. Joseph Offley, Reader elect for next Autumn, is confirmed. *Latin.*

Another month is given to the administratrix of Mr. C. FitzWilliams. This order is to be peremptory.

Mr. Treasurer and another Master are desired to attend Lord Somers with a copy of the supplemental bill of New Inn, and their Masterships' answer, and to pray also his lordship's answer, being made a party in the bill. Writs of *dedimus* are to be taken out and sent to Mr. Ettricke, sen., and Mr. Morgan, for their answers.

Another fortnight is allowed to Messrs. T. Stevens and C. Nowes.

The order concerning Mr. Dummer is continued to next Parliament.

The committee about the arrears of the tax for windows, etc., is continued.

Mr. Hetherington having paid 200*l.*, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

The chambers of Messrs. M. Brandrith, P. Beckford, and R. Pulleyn shall be seized and padlocked unless their arrears of pensions and other duties are paid in a fortnight after notice. A copy of this order left at their chambers shall be sufficient notice.

On Mr. Benjamin Hampton's petition, 40*s.* shall be given him, and his name struck out of the rolls.

Widow Robins shall have five marks for last year's service in the buttery.

Parliament holden 24 Oct., 1701.

Mr. William Ettricke is elected Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Thomas Burgh for next Autumn. *Latin.*

Mr. Northey is chosen to succeed Mr. Haggatt as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament of this term.

Sir Joseph Jekyll and Mr. Serjeant Hall are given till Easter Term next to transfer their chambers.

On Mr. W. Williams' petition, Mr. Treasurer, Mr. Lake, Mr. Broughton, and Mr. Offley, or any three, are appointed a committee to view the chambers of Mr. C. Fitzwilliams and Sir Richard Cust, bart., on the same floor over the Library, to consider his request, and to report at next Parliament.

New Inn matters are to be considered at next Parliament.

Till next Parliament is given to Mr. C. Nowes to pay his arrears. This order is to be peremptory.

The proprietors of chambers in the new building in the passage to the north Churchyard must pay their duties and procure themselves to be admitted before next Parliament, or lose an assignment.

The difference between Messrs. T. Minors, E. Dummer, and J. Jenkins is referred to next Parliament.

Messrs. M. Brandrith and P. Beckford have till next Parliament to pay their arrears.

The last order for payment of commons is to be fixed on the screen.

On the petition of Martha Webb, the late cook's widow, 20*l.* shall be given her "upon the terms in her petition to crave no more."

Parliament holden 28 Nov., 1701.

It is to be considered at next Parliament whether Mr. Serjeant Jekyll and Mr. Serjeant Hall, who have a year and a half to dispose of their chambers, shall be charged with the duties of the House.

New Inn matters are referred to next Parliament.

Till next Parliament is given to Messrs. C. Nowes, M. Brandrith, and P. Beckford for payment of their arrears; in default, their chambers are to be seized.

The difference between Messrs. T. Minors, E. Dummer, and J. Jenkins is referred to next Parliament.

The usual committee is appointed to audit the account of Mr. Haggatt, Treasurer for last year.

On the petition of Edward Norman, turnbroach, that he was in prison for a debt of 45*l.*, and that his creditors would take 5*s.* in the pound, the Under-Treasurer may pay 14*l.* to discharge him from prison, to be deducted out of his salary and allowances.

On Mr. R. Merrett's petition, 10*l.* shall be given to his brother-in-law, Mr. Gardiner, for his use.

Bowden, the pewterer, shall be paid 3*l.* 14*s.* for the use and loss of pewter delivered by him to the Cook.

Mr. T. Chafin may read at New Inn by deputy.

The applewoman in the passage into Elme Court and her husband shall be removed out of the Temple.

Mr. H. Pooly is called up to the Bench in order to his reading.

Mr. Offley having paid 200*l.*, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

No Christmas shall be kept.

Messrs. R. Salwey, J. Yeate, J. Morgan, and J. Skutt are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

The outward room in Mr. Carleton Whitelock's, chamber shall be wainscotted and painted.

Mr. W. Blackford having paid all duties, his bond shall be delivered to him.

Parliament holden 23 Jan., 1701.

The account of Mr. Haggatt, the last Treasurer, is allowed.

Till next Parliament is given to Messrs. M. Brandrith and P. Beckford for payment of their arrears.

The order touching Mr. E. Dummer is continued to next Parliament.

On Edward Norman's petition, 3*l.* shall be paid to his kinsman, William Garfoote, who has undertaken for that sum to remove him from the Compter into the Fleete or King's Bench prison.

Mr. J. Chicheley is proposed for the call to the Bar at the next Parliament.

Elizabeth Ford, widow of the late Porter, shall have 5*l.* given her.

The petition of William Garfoote, watchmaker, is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

On the petition of Elizabeth, widow of Thomas Lucas, plumber to the Society, 4*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* for work done by her husband, shall be paid her.

Mr. Treasurer shall have the Bench Chamber in Pump Court, vacant by Sir Bartholomew Shower's death.

The order against those who owe 40*s.* for commons is renewed, and is to be fixed on the screen. The Steward is to do all he can to get in the arrears, and to report at next Parliament.

Unless Mr. E. Jauncy makes out to Mr. Treasurer that Mr. Adams, now in Ireland, is living, and admits some member into the chamber long since surrendered by Mr. Adams before the end of this term, the chamber shall be seized.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to purchase another Bench Chamber.

The Society of New Inn having submitted by their petition last term, and Mr. Sherwood, their Treasurer, undertaking to dismiss their several bills in Chancery (the defendants consenting that it may be without costs), and to pay all arrears of the ancient annual payment of 4*l.*, and the same in future, without deduction of taxes; all proceedings upon the two judgments obtained against them are ordered to cease, and satisfaction to be acknowledged on the said judgments at the costs of New Inn.

Parliament holden 6 Feb., 1701.

The order touching Messrs. M. Brandrith and P. Beckford is continued till next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to see the agreement between Mr. Garfoote and his tenant performed, viz. that the tenant should quit at Ladyday, and Garfoote allow out of his rent in arrear for what was set up in the shop.

Mr. E. Jauncy having been heard, it is referred to Mr. Treasurer to settle the matter.

A motion that henceforward no Bench Chamber shall be let to any but Serjeants-at-Law and Barristers-at-Law, members of this House, is to be considered at next Parliament.

At the desire of the Inner Temple, Mr. Treasurer is desired to choose some Masters of the Bench to be a committee to confer with the Inner Temple about repairing the Church; to inspect the accounts of this House relating thereto; and to report at next Parliament.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

As a schedule presented by the Steward shows that above 740*l.* is owing for commons eaten in Hall, the bonds of Messrs. T. Chute, T. Stephens, P. Atherton, T. Bedford, and T. Newnham shall be put in suit against them unless their arrears are paid before Lady-day; and also the bonds of all those indebted over 4*l.*, or their chambers seized. The Steward is to give them or their sureties notice of this order.

Dr. Hickes shall be presented with 20*l.* to encourage the carrying on of his work.

Unless the arrears of duties owing by Messrs. J. Clarke, G. Liddell, and B. Tonstall are paid before the last Parliament of next term, their chambers shall be seized. A copy of this order shall be left at their chambers.

Messrs. Cherrey and Offley are desired to view the chambers over the Library, in possession of Mr. Williams, the Library Keeper, and to treat with him for buying them for a Bench Chamber.

Mr. J. Chicheley is called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Parliament holden 1 May, 1702.

Mr. P. Beckford's bond shall be put in suit against him and his sureties.

The motion about letting Bench Chambers is to be considered at next Parliament.

The committee about repairs of the Church is continued to next Parliament.

The bonds of Messrs. T. Chute, R. Jones, J. Turbill, T. Stephens, P. Atherton, T. Newnham, J. Wheeler, J. Bramston, T. Farely, J. Somers, T. Culpeper, W. Cooper, F. Dyren, M. Owen, and G. Muschamp shall be forthwith put in suit, and the chambers of those who have chambers, seized and padlocked.

On the petition of John Young and Michael Medley, Mr. F. Dyren's sureties, now sued, they must leave a copy of their petition at Mr. Dyren's chamber, and give him personal notice, if they can, to show cause at next Parliament why their petition should not be granted.

Richard Merriman, the Cook, shall have 100*l.* lent him, to be repaid on demand.

On the petition of Edward Collins, surety for Mr. W. Cooper; on Mr. Collins paying 7*l.* 8*s.* 9½*d.* for Mr. Cooper's commons and other duties, Mr. Cooper's bond shall be delivered to him.

The complaint against Mr. John Gardner for beating the Porter's daughter and servant washing the Hall, is to be considered at next Parliament.

Messrs. D. Gould, C. North, E. Probyn, F. Crane, T. Blunden, R. Middleton, T. Swettenham, A. Harrison, T. Isted, and W. Walker are proposed for the call to the Bar at the next Parliament.

The bonds of Messrs. J. Worsley, J. Jephson, J. Champnies, and W. Stephens are to be delivered to them, as they have paid all duties.

The disposal of two vacant Bench Chambers is referred to next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer has power to sell the chamber in Pump Court, three pairs of stairs and a half high, late Mr. Michell's, with an assignment.

Mr. Serjeant Hall and Mr. Serjeant Jekyll are allowed till next term to transfer their chambers.

Parliament holden 15 May, 1702.

No Bench Chamber shall be let to any person who is not a Serjeant-at-Law or Barrister-at-Law, member of this House, without consent of Parliament.

The order for treating with the Inner Temple about repairing the Church is continued.

At Mr. Travers' request, process of suit against Mr. G. Muschamp and his sureties shall be stayed till the last Parliament in Michaelmas Term.

Mr. Dyren's chamber shall be seized, and Mr. Edward Tregenna's nominee admitted before next Parliament. On Mr. Dyren's sureties paying his duties, his bond shall be delivered to them.

At the request of Sir Bartholomew Gracedieu, surety for Mr. P. Beckford, now beyond sea, the suit against him shall be stayed till the first Parliament in next term.

Mr. Cherrey shall have the Bench Chamber in Garden Court vacant by Mr. Ekin's death; Mr. Broughton that over the Library lately purchased of Mr. Williams. Mr. Treasurer is to fit it up for him.

Mr. Serjeant Jekyll and Mr. Serjeant Hall have till the end of Michaelmas Term to transfer their chambers.

Mr. G. Liddell has till the first Parliament in next term, and Mr. B. Tonstall till the first Parliament of Michaelmas Term, for payment of arrears.

Mr. Ettricke having paid 200*l.*, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

The widow of Phillips, the joiner, has 10*l.* given her.

A motion for laying a penalty on those under the Bar who omit to perform moots and exercises, is referred to next Parliament.

Messrs. N. Foley, E. Carterett, T. Blunden, E. Probyn, A. Harrison, J. Scott, C. Douce, D. Gould, C. North, R. Middleton, W. Walker, F. Crane, T. Swettenham, S. Hawkins, and T. Isted are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Parliament holden 5 June, 1702.

The committee to treat with the Inner Temple about repairing the Church is continued.

Mr. Edward Tregenna has till next Parliament to nominate a person to be admitted to his chamber.

The motion for laying a penalty on those under the Bar who omit to perform moots and exercises, is referred to the next Parliament.

Mr. J. Browne's bond is to be delivered to him, as he has paid all duties.

Mr. W. Knipe is proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

The chambers of Messrs. W. Spry, J. Farington, J. Stoakes, C. Rushbrooke, Sir J. Tillie, and R. Carew shall be seized and their bonds sued, unless their arrears of duties are paid before next Parliament. Copies of this order are to be left at their chambers.

The suit against Sir Bartholomew Gracedieu, surety for Mr. P. Beckford, is to be prosecuted unless the duties are paid in a week.

Mr. Emmett, a sculptor, presented four drafts of the prospect of the Church and the Hall, inside and outside, which he proposed to have engraved on copper plates and printed on royal paper before the end of Michaelmas Term; and offered to deliver two copies of each to Mr. Treasurer for every Master of the Bench if they will pay him 4*s.* in hand, and 4*s.* on receipt of the prints. It is ordered that 6*l.* shall be paid him towards 120 prints, and 6*l.* more when delivered.

Parliament holden 19 June, 1702.

The committee about treating with the Inner Temple for repairing the walls and roof of the Church, is continued to next Parliament. They are impowered to agree to pay half the expense.

Every gentleman under the Bar who shall omit to perform the moots and exercises required by the Society's orders to qualify him for his call, shall incur the penalty of 40*s.* for every moot and exercise omitted. This penalty shall not be compounded for. He shall also pay the Puisne Butler the usual fee for his exercises. This order is to be fixed on the screen next week and in Michaelmas Term.

Messrs. W. Spry, J. Stoakes, Sir J. Tillie, and R. Carew have till the first Parliament of next term to pay their duties.

On payment of Mr. Beckford's duties by Sir Bartholomew Gracedieu, his bond shall be delivered to him.

Messrs. J. Bramston, T. Stevens, and C. Batteley having paid all duties, can have their bonds.

Mr. H. Eyre of the Utter Bar is granted an assignment in his chamber two pair of stairs high in Garden Court, for a fine of 5*l.*

Widow Robbins shall have five marks for her last year's service in the buttery.

Mr. Treasurer is impowered to repair the windows, painting, and chimney in Mr. Whitlock's Bench Chamber in Elme Court.

In pursuance of an order of 23 Nov., 1694, Mr. Bowyer is desired to execute the lease of a little woodhouse erected by him on Middle Temple ground against his chamber in Figgtree Court, and to pay the arrears of rent.

When Mr. Bowyer leaves the woodhouse, it shall be appropriated to Mr. Whitlocke's Bench Chamber.

The suit against Mr. J. Turbill and his surety is respited till next Parliament.

Parliament holden 23 Oct., 1702.

Mr. John Viney is elected Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Henry Ludlow for next Autumn. *Latin.*

Mr. [Scory] Barker is chosen to succeed Sir Edward Northey as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament in this term.

Mr. Treasurer for the time being and any three other Benchers are appointed a committee to treat with the Benchers of the Inner Temple about repairing the Church.

A fortnight is given to Mr. W. Spry and Sir J. Tillie to pay their duties; in default, their chambers to be seized and padlocked.

Mr. J. Stoakes, on his mother's petition, has till the first Parliament in Easter Term to pay his duties.

The same time is given to Mr. B. Tonstall.

Mr. R. Carew's chamber is to be seized.

The suit against Mr. J. Turbill and his sureties is stayed till next Parliament.

On Thomas Griffin surrendering his leases, Mr. Treasurer may make him a new lease for thirty-one years at the same rent.

Considering the amount required for repairing the Temple Church, of which the estimates are 1000*l.*, the Under-Treasurer is to give notice to Messrs. F. Fane, S. Wade, J. Fulham, J. Goldsmith, J. Prescott, J. Lewin, J. Hancocke, H. Bestland, W. Dawson, P. Farely, J. Reeve, R. Bradbury, Sir T. Powell, W. Johnson, H. Wagstaffe, J. Snow, E. Tregenna, J. Bernard, T. Mulso, and H. Lestrange to pay their arrears of absent commons and other duties within three weeks, or their chambers will be seized. He is to report at next Parliament. Those who have compounded with Mr. Treasurer and neglect to pay, shall not be admitted to any composition by another Treasurer.

A copy of the petition of John Symonds and William Lane against Mr. Jonathan Sheeres, a foreigner lodging with his family in this House, shall be delivered to Mr. Sheeres, who is to attend next Parliament to show cause why he should not be removed.

The following gentlemen, having been charged for their personal estates in several assessments, have omitted to pay,

and the House has been compelled to do so. They shall not part with their chambers till the amount is paid; and the bonds of those who have no chambers shall be put in suit:—

	l.	*s.*
Edward Whitaker, gent., for 200*l.* personal estate in the assessment of the 3*s.* aid in 1698, . .	1	16
Thomas Harrison, gent., for 200*l.* personal estate in the assessment of the 3*s.* aid in 1699, . .	1	16
James Prescott, gent., for 100*l.* personal estate in the same assessment, ...		18
Eleazer Bound,* esq., for 100*l.* personal estate in the assessment of the 2*s.* aid in 1700, . .		12
Joseph Moxon, esq., for 200*l.* personal estate in the same assessment, ...	1	4
John Row, gent., for 100*l.* personal estate in the same assessment, ...		12
James Smith, esq., for 200*l.* personal estate in the same assessment, ...	1	4
Eleazer Bound,* esq., for 100*l.* personal estate in the assessment of the 3*s.* aid in 1701, . . .		18
Edmund Fettiplace, esq., for 100*l.* personal estate in the same assessment, ...		18
John Grey, 1st., gent., for 100*l.* personal estate in the same assessment, ...		18
	10*l.*	16*s.*

The notes taken by Mr. Burgh when he was surveyor, and presented to Mr. Treasurer, together with the remonstrance of Mr. Merriman, the Cook, are referred to the *Quatuor* at the Bench table when Mr. Burgh shall be in commons, to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer shall have the Bench Chamber in Brick Court vacant by Mr. Bowes' death. That vacant by his cession is to be disposed of at next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer may admit his younger son into the chamber which he lately purchased of Mr. Serjeant Hall, on the same floor as his own, for a life and three assignments.

The order for enforcing the payment of commons eaten is to be fixed on the screen.

* "Pd." has been added to this name.

Mr. S. Neale is proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

Mr. J. Conyers is called up to the Bench in order to his reading.

Parliament holden 27 Nov., 1702.

Mr. B. Tonstall's petition for leave to transfer his chamber for a life and three assignments is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Mr. J. Turbill is given till the first Parliament of next term to pay for his commons.

Mr. Travers' request in his letter to Mr. Treasurer for an abatement of Mr. G. Muschamp's pensions and other duties, he having been out of England seventeen years, but that he was ready to pay 4*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.* for commons eaten by Mr. Muschamp, and the Butler's book, is refused.

Mr. William Ettricke shall have his father's Bench Chamber in Brick Court as a Bench Chamber. The instrument of Mr. Ettricke's surrender is on the file.

It is referred to Mr. Treasurer to set up the Queen's picture at the west end of the Hall over the Bench table; and to have it drawn by Mr. Dalle, unless he thinks fit to make use of another hand.

The order of last Parliament about arrears for absent commons and other duties is confirmed. Messrs. R. Bradbury, J. Goldsmith, J. Fulham, H. Wagstaffe, E. Tregenna, J. Bernard, J. Snow, and W. Dawson have till the first Parliament of next term to pay.

Messrs. S. Neale, H. Wingue, and H. Meriton are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Mr. J. Hiccocks of the Utter Bar is granted an assignment in his chamber two pair of stairs high in the Lamb Building, for a fine of 5*l.*

Sir T. Powell may read at New Inn by deputy.

Widow Ule, who cleans the Parliament Chamber and Library, shall have 40*s.* to relieve her in a long sickness.

Mr. J. Gratwicke having paid all duties, his bond is to be delivered to him.

No Christmas shall be kept.

The usual committee is appointed to audit Sir Edward Northey's account.

A motion whether an order made 8 Feb., 1688, directing

the choice of Readers, Treasurers, and Bench Chambers, shall be rescinded, passed in the negative: yeas, 4; noes, 17.

Mr. Conyers, insisting on his right as Queen's Counsel and on his seniority, chose the Bench Chamber in Pump Court vacant by Mr. Treasurer's cession, and Sir Sebastian Smith chose the same. It was put to the vote whether Mr. Conyers should have it, and passed in the negative: yeas, 1; noes, 19.

Sir Sebastian Smith shall have the Bench Chamber in Pump Court void by Mr. Treasurer's cession; and Mr. Hetherington, that under the Hall late assigned to Sir Sebastian Smith.

Mr. Serjeant Jekyll is given a twelvemonth to transfer his chamber.

The petition of Mr. John Symonds and others against Jonathan Sheeres is continued to the first Parliament of next term.

Mr. Burgh having paid 200*l.*, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

Mr. Buck, the Under-Treasurer, acknowledged their Masterships' goodness to him during his forty-four years' service, and considering that he could not be so serviceable as he had been and ought to be, desired to be discharged of his office. The Benchers would not consent to part with him, but as his great age would require him often to be in the country for his health, they appointed his old servant, Thomas Griffin, to be his assistant.

Parliament holden 29 Jan., 1702.

Messrs. J. Turbill, R. Bradbury, J. Goldsmith, J. Fulham, H. Wagstaffe, E. Tregenna, J. Barnard, J. Snow, and W. Dawson are allowed till next Parliament to pay their duties.

The account of Sir Edward Northey, Treasurer last year, is allowed.

Mr. Joseph West is chosen Cook in place of Richard Merriman, deceased.

Mr. B. Tonstall's petition in reference to the sale of his chamber, and borrowing 200*l.* upon it, beside discounting his duties, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

The order of 23 Oct. last about repairing the Church is continued.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to view, with workmen and other

Masters, the shops and chimneys adjoining the Hall to see if there is any danger, and to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Treasurer is to warn strangers and families lodging in the House to remove.

Mr. Anthony Ettricke is discharged of all accruing duties.

The bonds of Mr. H. Hoskins, Sir T. Powell, G. Muschamp, S. Winington, and T. Wild shall be delivered to them, as they have paid all duties.

Unless those mentioned in the Steward's schedule as owing 40*s.* for commons (for which above 742*l.* is due), pay before next Parliament, their chambers will be seized, or bonds put in suit. This order is to be fixed on the screen.

Parliament holden 12 Feb., 1702.

Mr. J. Woodroffe's chamber shall be seized and padlocked for non-payment of commons and duties.

The petition of Mr. Jackson, curate of the Church, is referred to the last Parliament in Easter Term.

Mr. John Viney, Reader elect for next Lent, is confirmed. *Latin.*

Unless Messrs. J. Fulham, H. Wagstaffe, E. Tregenna, and J. Barnard pay their duties within a month, their chambers shall be seized and padlocked. A copy of this order is to be left at their chambers.

The executors of Messrs. J. Goldsmith and R. Bradbury have till the first Parliament in Easter Term to pay their duties. Messrs. W. Dawson, J. Snow, and J. Turbill have till the first Parliament in Michaelmas Term to pay their arrears.

The order made in Michaelmas Term touching Mr. Tonstall is to be continued.

Mr. Treasurer is to remove Mr. Jonathan Sheeres and his family, and such other strangers and families as he sees cause.

Unless the executor or administrator of Mr. G. Coxiter procures some member to be admitted into his chamber three pair of stairs high in Brick Court in execution of one of his two assignments before the first Parliament of next term, the chamber will be seized.

The officers' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

On the committee's report that the Inner Temple had agreed to pay half for repairing Temple Bridge, Mr. Treasurer is empowered to see the work effectively done.

Parliament holden 16 April, 1703.

Mr. J. Barnard's chamber is to be forthwith seized for non-payment of his duties.

Mr. G. Coxeter's executor is given till next Parliament for selling his chamber in Brick Court.

Mr. Thomas Minors has leave to change the life of Mr. J. Somers for another member of this House without losing an assignment, on paying a fine.

Mr. A. Newton shall be admitted with an assignment to a ground chamber in the old buildings next to the north Churchyard, which he and Mr. R. Newton have repaired at great expense. A fine shall be paid, and the chamber subject to double duties.

William Pettyt's petition for an increase of salary is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

The three vacations forfeited by Mr. R. Nutley and two assignments, are remitted.

Messrs. N. Holder, W. Rogers, S. Tufnaile, P. Johnson, and R. Packe are proposed for the call to the Bar at next Parliament.

Mr. Poley of the Bench has power to transfer his chamber in Pump Court, with his estate.

Mr. B. Tonstall's duties shall be remitted on the sale of his chamber.

Parliament holden 7 May, 1703.

Mr. G. Coxeter's executrix is given till the first Parliament of next term for selling his chamber.

The salary of William Pettyt, Panierman, shall be increased 2*l.* 10*s.* a year until the lease of a shop let to John Leithwicke, late gardener, expires, which shop formerly belonged to Edmund Ball, his predecessor; and 4*s.* a year rent reserved, with the arrears since Edmund Ball's death, shall be paid him by Leithwicke's executrix.

On the petition of Mr. Jackson, Reader in the Temple Church, 5*l.* shall be given him.

Mr. Viney having paid 200*l.*, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

Mr. M. Bowes has leave to sell his chamber in Elme Court for a life and two assignments.

Mr. Offley shall have the Bench Chamber over the Hall porch vacant by Mr. Hervey's death.

Mr. J. Stoakes is given till the last Parliament of next term for payment of his duties.

The bonds of Messrs. F. Crane, J. Scott, W. Langton, and S. Lennard are to be delivered to them, they having paid all duties.

Messrs. R. Meredith, R. Carter, W. Thornton, E. Jackson, W. Rogers, R. Packe, W. Knipe, N. Holder, A. Coke, S. Tufnaile, recommended by Mr. Attorney-General, H. Adams, and C. Harell, are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Parliament holden 28 May, 1703.

Mr. Treasurer is recommended to fit up Mr. Offley's Bench Chamber over the Hall porch, late Mr. Hervey's, deceased.

Mr. Treasurer is to consider where to make a cellar or cellars for Mr. Entwistle and Mr. Broughton's Bench Chambers, to consult the workmen, and to report at next Parliament.

The chambers of Messrs. F. Barrell, F. Wilkinson, W. Kiffin, and E. Bound will be seized and padlocked unless their arrears for commons and duties are paid before next Parliament. A copy of this order left at their chambers shall be sufficient notice.

The petition of Adam Felton for a new lease of a shop and two small chambers over it new built by his father on a lease at 14*l.* a year rent, is referred to Mr. Treasurer, to report at next Parliament.

Parliament holden 11 June, 1703.

Mr. Henry Ludlow, Reader elect for next Autumn, is confirmed. *Latin.*

On Mr. Treasurer's report that the workmen estimated the cost of making a cellar for Mr. Broughton's Bench Chamber under the uppermost summer house in the garden at 26*l.*, it is ordered to be done.

Mr. Offley shall have the old pothouse on the left hand going into the beer cellar, to use as a cellar to his Bench Chamber, during pleasure.

Messrs. F. Barrell, F. Wilkinson, W. Kiffin, J. Stoakes, and E. Bound have till next Parliament to pay their duties.

On Mr. Treasurer's report, Mr. Adam Felton may have a

new lease for twenty-one years at the old rent of 14*l.*, paying a reasonable fine.

Mr. W. Quin's bond shall be delivered to him, as he has paid his duties.

Mr. W. Crayford shall have an assignment in his ground chamber near the north Churchyard on his laying out a sum approved by Mr. Treasurer in improving it. Mr. Treasurer is to report at next Parliament.

Mr. Robert Stephens shall have a new lease of part of the storehouse at the old rent of 5*s.* a year.

Widow Robins shall have five marks for last year's service in the buttery.

Mr. B. Knight shall remove his pots from all sides of his chamber near the Cloisters, this being found to be a common nuisance. A copy of this order shall be delivered to him.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to inform himself what have been Parliaments of Attendance by the ancient course of this Society.

Mr. Treasurer producing a paper from the Steward of names of gentlemen long indebted for commons eaten, which cannot be collected, divers of them being dead or discontinued, "it is ordered" *

Parliament holden 29 Oct., 1703.

Mr. Richard Freeman is elected Reader for next Lent, and Mr. Henry Poley for next Autumn. *Latin.*

Mr. Ryder is chosen to succeed Mr. Barker as Treasurer at the end of the last Parliament in this term.

Mr. F. Barrell is granted ten days for payment of his duties in arrear, being in the country sick. The same time is granted to Messrs. F. Wilkinson, W. Kiffin, and E. Bound.

Mr. W. Crayford may have an assignment in his chamber in the passage by the north Churchyard on Mr. Treasurer's report that he has very much improved it.

Mr. B. Knight is required to remove his pots on the other sides of his chamber as he has done those on the side towards Pump Court. A copy of this order must be delivered to him.

The order for putting bonds in suit for commons eaten is continued to next Parliament.

* This entry is not finished.

Messrs. J. Radford, M. Noble, Vernon, and Foyle are called to the Bench in order to their reading.

The bonds of Messrs. B. Dobbyns, sen., R. Dickins, and W. Leigh may be delivered to them, as they have paid all duties.

Mr. J. Farrington must pay half the charge of new ripping the roof over his and Mr. H. Fermor's chambers.

Mr. J. Woodroffe's petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

Widow Collins shall have a new lease for twenty-one years from Michaelmas last, at the old rent, of a shop by the Great Gate, of which her late husband and father were tenants.

If Mr. Peisley pays 100*l.* more forthwith, he shall have a year to pay the remaining 50*l.* on account of his reading.

Mr. Treasurer communicated a letter from the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal to him and the Benchers, with a copy of a petition to his lordship from John Conyers and William Cowper, esqs. The matter of the petition appeared contrary to a standing order of this House made 8 Feb., 1688, since confirmed several times, and particularly on 27 Nov., 1702. It was agreed *nemine contradicente*, not to rescind the said order. The House therefore proceeded to the choice of Readers and Treasurer for the year ensuing. Mr. Treasurer, the four senior Masters of the Bench in town and any others whom Mr. Treasurer shall please, are appointed a committee to attend the Lord Keeper, if he requires them.

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Mr. E. Bound's chamber shall be padlocked up.

The order about putting bonds in suit for commons eaten is continued to next Parliament.

On Mr. Treasurer's report, Mr. Peisley is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed. He shall have precedency after Mr. Viney, the last Reader.

The bonds of Messrs. P. Gybbon, R. Dobyns, 2nd, W. Kennedy, and J. Wells are to be delivered to them on payment of all duties.

Mr. Ludlow having paid 200*l.*, is confirmed Reader and his reading allowed.

Messrs. J. Snow and J. Turbill have till next Parliament for the payment of their arrears of duties.

No Christmas shall be kept.

On Mr. R. Merrett's petition, 5*l.* shall be paid to his brother-in-law, Mr. Gardiner, for his use.

Mr. R. Bowes' petition is referred to Mr. Treasurer.

On the petition of Elizabeth Merriman, widow of the late cook, 10*l.* is given her, but to expect no more.

Mr. Barker, the present Treasurer, has power to sell the chamber vacant by Mr. T. Culpeper's death, with an assignment, as his perquisite.

The usual committee is appointed to audit Mr. Barker's account.

Mr. A. Nicoll and Mr. P. Johnson, at Mr. Treasurer's request, are called to the degree of the Utter Bar.

Mr. Jackson, Reader in the Church, shall have 5*l.*

Jonathan Pennyfather, Second Butler, is granted the use of part of the chamber in Garden Buildings over Mr. Broughton's Bench Chamber during pleasure. Mr. Treasurer is to put it in repair.

Mr. Serjeant Jekyll is given till the last Parliament in Trinity Term to transfer his chamber.

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